

Weekend strikes called off after High Court ruling

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Ben-Gurion Airport will operate as usual this weekend, with all flights, including El Al's arriving and departing as scheduled. El Al will continue to fly on Shabbat and other Jewish holy days for at least the next 45 days, the High Court of Justice ruled yesterday in an interim injunction forbidding the government and Knesset Finance Committee to implement the decision to ground the airline's Sabbath flights.

Immediately after the court handed down its ruling, the special Histadrut committee leading the fight against the government decision met and decided to cancel the El Al and Ben-Gurion Airport strikes scheduled for this weekend. The committee called works committees throughout the country that had intended to join the strike in solidarity with El Al workers to notify them of the cancellation.

The High Court ruled, at the request of three different applicants (a group of El Al workers and two attorneys), that El Al must continue operating on Shabbat and other Jewish holy days until the end of the judicial proceedings concerning the three appeals.

Justices Meir Shamgar, Dov Levin and Yehuda Cohen also issued an order nisi calling on the government and the Knesset Finance Committee to show cause within 45 days why their decision was not invalid, since it was made on the basis of "extraneous considerations" in the government's case and ratified with the help of votes of Knesset Members who do not belong to the finance committee.

Attorney Itamar Cohen of Jerusalem contended that the government's decision to ground El Al on Jewish holy days was an arbitrary, political decision that violates the status quo between Orthodox and non-Orthodox people in Israel and imposes a religious action on the public in order to pay off a radical group for staying in the coalition.

Cohen said such a decision cannot be administrative and must be based on a law, legislated after a Knesset debate. El Al is a national airline, representing the Israeli public, which consists of a secular majority and a religious minority, he said.

"They cannot tell me not to fly my national airline on certain days a week and use another one, especially since El Al's security arrangements are the best," Cohen said, adding that closing El Al on Saturdays restricts his freedom of movement.

He said he tends to fly on Saturdays so as not to lose a work day. "The government's decision is intended to strengthen religious domination in the state, and this goal is extraneous to the issue at hand," Cohen said.

Attorney Dror Hotev-Yishai, who represented the eight El Al workers, argued that according to the law, Knesset committee members must be elected by the Knesset and may not be replaced by an MK who was not chosen by the Knesset especially for this position. The participation of four MKs who are not committee members in the vote for the Sabbath closure renders the decision invalid, Hotev-Yishai said.

He noted that the four coalition members did not participate in the committee's debates and knew little about the issue at hand — they were just told to raise their hands whenever the committee chairman did.

He added that last Saturday, some 5,000 passengers travelled on El Al, bringing the airline an income of about \$2 million.

The judges criticized El Al's workers for holding strikes and violating the labour relations agreement, causing damages, and only then turning to the court for help. But they finally decided to grant the injunction and order nisi requested.

El Al workers were ecstatic yesterday when they heard the court's ruling.

"We maintained all along that the decision to close the airline on weekends was illogical and imposing the minority will on the majority," an El Al works committee (Continued on page 3, col. 3)

Cabinet angrily spurns Reagan's plan 'Worse than Rogers'



Prime Minister Menachem Begin is helped out of the helicopter that brought him from Nahariya, where he is vacationing, to the extraordinary cabinet session in Jerusalem yesterday. (Isaac Harari)

By ASHER WALLFISH and DAVID RICHARDSON Jerusalem Post Reporters

The cabinet, meeting in extraordinary session yesterday, angrily rejected U.S. President Ronald Reagan's proposals on the future of the autonomy talks. The decision was unanimous.

The rejection was explained to Reagan by Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

However, the cabinet took no operational decisions calculated to turn the inevitable confrontation into a collision. Begin rejected a proposal by Science Minister Yuval Ne'eman to speed up settlement in the areas or apply Israeli law there.

And it kept the door open for an immediate resumption of the autonomy talks, provided that the Reagan proposals do not serve as a basis or contradict the Camp David agreement.

Begin, meeting U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger at the Carlton Hotel in Nahariya where he is vacationing, told Weinberger that Israel does not consider Reagan's ideas a basis for discussing autonomy. Israel, Begin said, will return to the talks with the previous parties and will welcome participation by all those whose invitation is envisaged in the Camp David agreements.

The published cabinet decisions (see p. 6) measured Reagan's ideas against the Camp David agreement and described them as either contradictory to it or absent from it.

The cabinet criticized seven positions advanced by Reagan, including voting rights for East Jerusalem Arabs; West Bank Arab control of internal security; the demand for a settlement freeze; the definition of full autonomy; ties with Jordan; the non-application of Israeli sovereignty; and the even- (Continued on page 2, Col. 2)

U.S. regrets Israel rejection of Reagan

By YOSEF GOELL Jerusalem Post Correspondent

U.S. officials yesterday expressed regret at the Israeli cabinet's categorical rejection of the Reagan plan for the future of Judea, Samaria and the Gaza District.

Secretary of State George Shultz expressed his regret on one of the morning television shows, and similar sentiments were later expressed by the White House spokesman.

"It's hard for me to believe that Israel would reject the idea of peace," Shultz said. "It's hard for me to believe that Israel would reject the idea that they should be recognized by their neighbours as a state... So 'total rejection' is a word that I don't think is appropriate."

As senior State Department official briefing foreign correspondents here said that in unveiling the president's plan, the U.S. had no realistic expectations that any of the sides "would jump with joy" over its main points.

He added, however: "We hope that with time and the opportunity to reflect, the plan will be perceived and accepted as a major opportunity for a breakthrough to peace."

The official said that the plan constitutes a basic outline of American policy towards the Arab-Israeli dispute that will hold for months and even years.

In reply to a question why the U.S. rules out a Palestinian state, the official emphasized the realistic assumptions of the new policy. "My personal view is that if the Arabs insist on a Palestinian state, the issue will still be around unsolved after 100 years," he said.

The official added that there is hope that "the broad Arab consensus will now support King Hussein in going into the talks."

The official admitted that the U.S. did not succeed after the Camp David agreement in October 1978 to win broader Arab support for the talks, but that there is now hope (Continued on page 2, Col. 6)

Peres says Reagan's ideas are 'positive'

SARAH HONIG Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres said yesterday that the American position on the Middle East enunciated by U.S. President Ronald Reagan is a "fair basis for discussion and a positive move by the American administration."

He said that "all those who mocked our (Labour's) talk of a Jordanian option were wrong. It has now been amply proved that such an option indeed exists."

Peres spoke to political reporters in his office shortly after the Labour political bureau almost unanimously adopted a long resolution he proposed stating Labour's reaction to the Reagan speech and message to Prime Minister Menachem Begin. Thirty-nine bureau members voted for the resolution and only Knesset Member Yosef Sarid abstained.

The same resolution was earlier (Continued on page 2, Col. 2)

West Bank and Gaza react, cautiously to U.S. ideas

By DAVID RICHARDSON Jerusalem Post Reporter

Running the gamut from habitual indifference and cynicism to a kind of wary and weary optimism, West Bank Arab reaction to the latest turn in a search for a solution to the Palestinian problem was slightly more positive yesterday afternoon following the cautious response of the PLO's Farouk Kaddoumi in Athens.

Kaddoumi, head of the PLO political department, said yesterday that the proposals are not "altogether bad" and singled out for praise the idea of freezing Israeli settlements in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza District.

Initially dismissed by some of the traditional pro-PLO factions in the West Bank as no more than "a storm in a teacup" — as the East Jerusalem daily *Al-Sabeel* wrote in its editorial yesterday — the American proposals were later welcomed by a recently dismissed West Bank mayor as "a slight change in the American position that may be indicative of some good intentions."

Another former mayor, Rashad Shawwa of Gaza, was reluctant to react without seeing the full text, but he said last night that he was "encouraged to a certain extent" by the American proposals.

Much of the response in the West Bank appears to be hinging on what posture the scattered PLO leadership will adopt, plus the suddenly strengthened status of Jordan in view of the U.S. endorsement of a future link to the Hashemite kingdom.

The largest East Jerusalem daily *Al-Quds*, which normally adopts a moderate and pro-Jordanian line, called on the U.S. administration not to succumb to the pressure of the pro-Israel lobby in pursuing its policy.

The leading moderate leader in the territories, Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij, could not be reached for comment last night. However, Arab sources in East Jerusalem reported that he had welcomed the American proposals.

Jerusalem Post reporter crosses to West Beirut's barriers are coming down

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEIRUT. — Lebanese yesterday cherished the new atmosphere in their capital as the government moved to assert its sovereignty in the city's western sector.

Prime Minister Shafik Wazzan led a police convoy across the "green line" dividing Beirut to launch the Lebanese government's attempt to restore the law and order that has not existed here for nearly eight years.

"The idea of East Beirut and West Beirut no longer exists," Wazzan said as police reopened the Sodeco crossing that had been closed for 13 months. "It is unified Beirut."

"It's been eight long years," a smiling driver said in West Beirut. The civil war lasted "more than each of the world wars," he added. In Corniche Mazraa, excited soldiers hoisted a Lebanese flag in the centre of the mall. Two soldiers shared the honour of raising the red and white flag with the green cedar in the middle. As the pulley squeaked, other soldiers smilingly saluted.

At police headquarters in Ashrafieh a senior officer said all was quiet yesterday.

But early yesterday morning Lebanese troops and militiamen briefly exchanged fire at Sodeco, Beirut radio said. This reporter was in front of the Barbir hospital at 4:30 p.m. when a short burst of fire was heard nearby. Gendarmes relaxing in armoured troop carrier were startled. A purple flower that one of them had inserted in the barrel of his gun disappeared and he fingered the trigger. The vehicle moved to the centre of the street, and stopped. It was seen nearby a few hours later. The officer in charge told me he did not know what had happened. "It was nothing," he said.

In spite of the generally quiet atmosphere, police advised Israelis to stay out of West Beirut. "There are no roadblocks. But if they (the leftist Muslim militias or Morabitoun) know you are Israeli, it may be worth their while to kidnap you," the officer warned. "It will never be safe for you," he added with a smile.

I left my Israeli papers and money in the car in East Beirut and crossed on foot. Shortly after reaching the western sector I saw a damaged T-34 tank. Gendarmes said it was a Morabitoun tank.

Further down Corniche Mazraa near the Gamal Abdel Nasser mosque where Morabitoun headquarters are situated, another T-34 tank and an anti-aircraft gun mounted on a half-track were seen. It seemed the Morabitoun had simply left them there for the Lebanese army to collect.

A PLO office further down the road appeared virtually deserted. One man was sitting on the porch near the red, black, white, and green PLO flag. The building, including the organization's sign in English and Arabic, was badly damaged, although chandeliers were seen hanging in a first-floor apartment.

The impression on Corniche Mazraa and in Hamra was that a good part of the area had emerged surprisingly intact. However, Israeli attacks were concentrated further south and buildings in the border were seen with gaping holes and some of them gutted by fire. The main impression was of the filth in West Beirut streets. Garbage had been dumped there, spent bullets and cartridges were lying about and only in a few places did residents burn the garbage.

There are not enough gas stations in the west and some residents are afraid to cross to the east, so they buy the fuel drivers bring over in jerrycans.

Presumably some of the West Beirutis have a good reason to stay away.

At the border of the eastern sector, at the museum, the Christian Lebanese Forces (Phalangists) hoisted the Lebanese and their organization's flag as well as a picture of their leader, President-elect Bashir Jemayel. The men, armed with Kalashnikov assault rifles, were checking the identity and sometimes the cars of travellers arriving from the West.

This appeared to be in contravention of the Interior Ministry's new order. But a Lebanese Army officer, asked about a Phalangist jeep that had passed nearby, said, "I didn't see it." A senior police officer said it was decided to implement the new order "in the west — first."

Enforcement in East Beirut may never take place. Jemayel yesterday met Chief of Staff, General Victor Khoury to discuss the possibility of coopting Lebanese Forces units into the army.

Palestinians are still in West Beirut. I entered a cafe and a 15-year-old vendor said he was "from Jaffa." He said he was going to Tunisia. When asked what for, the smiling boy held up his hand as though he were carrying a gun.

Some of the Christian militia were pressing to complete the clearing of West Beirut of arms. "We've got to draw the poison from the snake," one said. This could take six weeks, he estimated.

The Israel Defence Forces, presence was a reminder that if the Lebanese don't move in that direction, Israel may. The IDF was thinning out its presence here, and the Golani Infantry Brigade yesterday held a passing-out parade in the airport. However, OC Northern Command Aluf Amir Drori said "the cleaning" of West Beirut "might be an internal Lebanese issue and might not."

Poll: More for compromise

TEL AVIV. — The percentage of Israelis willing to make territorial compromises in Judea and Samaria in return for a peace treaty with Jordan has grown since Operation Peace for Galilee.

Also, more would attach conditions to an increase in Jewish settlements in Judea, Samaria and the Golan Heights.

There is a sharp distinction between the positions of pro-Likud and pro-Labour people — the former adhere to their traditionally uncompromising stand, while the latter support their party's platform favouring territorial concessions.

These are the findings of the latest *Jerusalem Post* poll conducted by the Mod'in Ezrachi Research Institute among a representative sample of 1,937 adults. The survey was conducted in the third week of August, when the fighting around Beirut was coming to an end.

Q. Are you for a peace agreement with Jordan that will require Israel to abandon parts of Judea and Samaria?

	August 82	June 82	May 82
No, not one inch	46.8	53.1	58.3
Yes, certain parts	40.2	35.9	29.3
Yes, all of it except for East Jerusalem	9.0	7.4	7.3
Yes, all of it including East Jerusalem	2.0	1.6	1.9
Undecided	1.8	2.0	3.2

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ROME	18	24	28	82	Clear
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NEW YORK	18	24	28	82	Clear
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SEOUL	22	32	30	90	Cloudy
MANILA	22	32	30	90	Cloudy
GUANGZHOU	22	32	30	90	Cloudy
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CAPE TOWN	22	32	30	90	Cloudy
PORT JOHANNESBURG	22	32	30	90	Cloudy
PRETORIA	22	32	30	90	Cloudy
WINDHOUK	22	32	30	90	Cloudy
NAIROBI	22	32	30	90	Cloudy

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Haifa Port	23-29	29
Tiberias	31-37	36
Nazareth	30-32	31
Afula	39-33	32
Shomron	35-31	31
Tel Aviv	26-31	30
B-G Airport	26-31	32
Jericho	20-37	36
Gaza	21-29	38
Beersheba	13-25	32
Eilat	25-40	39

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Swiss Ambassador Ernest Bauermeister yesterday held a reception at his Tel Aviv residence to mark his country's national day.

'Libitrom' campaign on TV, radio today

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Libitrom programme to benefit the Israel Defence Fund begins at 6 a.m. today on Israel Radio and at 5.30 p.m. on Israel TV.

The radio, both Second and Third Channels, as well as Galei Zahal will broadcast special programmes around the clock while TV will present an all-star variety show interspersed with other Libi-events, including a public auction and reports of incoming donations, until at least 2 a.m.

There is no target, but the minimum expected is IS25m. Donations can be made to the Libitrom account at any bank. A seven-course dinner, at IS1,000 a plate, will be held at 8.30 tonight in the Jerusalem Hilton Hotel, with the proceeds to go to Libitrom.

Habib linked to firm angling for Kuwait oil

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK. — American Middle East envoy Philip Habib, whose recently revealed work for the Bechtel Corporation prompted a call for his resignation, is also a director of a firm that is negotiating an oil venture with Kuwait, according to New York magazine.

According to New York, Habib joined the board of Honolulu-based Pacific Resources, a utility operator and petroleum-refining company, in May. The firm is nearing agreement on a refining-and-exploration deal with Kuwait's national oil corporation.

The magazine quotes Sen. Larry Pressler, who demanded Habib's resignation because of his Bechtel ties, as saying that he had not known about the Pacific Resources job.

Austrian protest on damage in Beirut

VIENNA (AP). — The Austrian government yesterday protested to Israel over the damage inflicted by Israeli artillery fire on Sunday on the residence of Peter Hohenleitner, Austria's ambassador to Lebanon.

The Foreign Ministry said it had received a telegram from Beirut saying that the residence was badly damaged but no one was hurt.

HOME NEWS

Two-stage plan for housing refugees

By BENNY MORRIS
Post Diplomatic Reporter

Israeli and Lebanese officials have begun negotiations on the future of tens of thousands of Palestinian refugees left homeless by the war in Southern Lebanon, a senior Israeli government official said yesterday.

The official said that Israel is proposing a two-stage resettlement scheme. It involves an initial housing of the refugees — of whom he said there are between 20,000 and 26,000 — in tent encampments and caravans to get them through the winter, and a second stage in which they will be housed in new buildings "dispersed" among the various districts of South Lebanon's major cities, Sidon, Tyre and Nabatieh.

Almost all the homeless, said the official, originally lived in the now largely devastated Ein Hilwe refugee camp near Sidon and the Rashidiya camp near Tyre. Israel hopes to shut down the camps, and "end the anti-Israeli hatred they bred," by dispersing their homeless inhabitants among the Lebanese of the big cities.

The official said that some Palestinians have returned to the camps and begun to repair their homes. "We are not stopping them. But we don't see the solution in that direction," he said.

The official refused to go into the nature of the Israeli-Lebanese talks, which are apparently being conducted through the local Lebanese

district commissioners. He hinted however, that "major news" will soon be publicized about the expected solution to the problem.

Regarding stage two of the solution, the official conceded that the local Lebanese hate the Palestinians, viewing them as the source of their troubles. But the official sounded hopeful about the Lebanese agreeing to resettlement of the refugees in the cities.

The official clearly implied that Israel would not contribute funds to either stage of the resettlement. "We recognize Lebanese sovereignty over the area we are holding and its inhabitants. It is their responsibility, though we can understand that they are at the moment caught up in the problem of Beirut."

At the moment, the homeless are housed in school buildings, disused garages, and houses under construction, and are squatting in empty flats. The official would not say how many thousands are in schools, which are due to reopen on October 1 throughout South Lebanon.

The official said that UNRWA has offered to contribute "a very large number of tents" to accommodate the homeless during the winter. He added that the Lebanese winter is "not too bad along the coast," where most of the homeless are concentrated.

There are also some 600 Lebanese families who are homeless as a result of the war's devastation

in the big cities — "some 2,000 to 2,500 persons altogether."

He said that the flats or houses of 300 of these "have been destroyed beyond repair" and the other 300 flats are badly damaged but "reparable."

These 600 families are living with relatives around Lebanon, said the official.

The Israeli government, according to the official, clearly hopes that Lebanon will pay for the infrastructure for the contemplated first-stage tent camps. Israel hopes that some of the \$65 million allocated by the U.S. Congress will also be channelled into building this infrastructure, said the official. Israel also hopes that Lebanon, perhaps assisted by Arab states, will pay for the second-stage construction.

The reference in the cabinet communiqué of last Sunday to "Lebanese government" responsibility for caring for the homeless apparently refers to this point.

At the moment, said the official, there are no epidemics among the homeless, and all children in Southern Lebanon are being inoculated with booster shots against polio and other major diseases. "But medical aid for the Palestinians remains a problem, as medicine and hospitals around Lebanon are private and expensive." Israel is taking in Palestinian hospital cases and treating the less severely ill in Israel Defence Forces field hospitals in Lebanon, he said.

Many killed, much damage in Beirut

BEIRUT. — Conflicting reports yesterday put the number of those killed in Sunday's massive, 14-hour bombardment of West Beirut by the Israel Defence Forces at between 70 and 238, with almost 500 wounded.

Lebanese security forces said "at least 70" were killed during the land, sea and air bombardment, while the independent Beirut newspaper *Al-Nahar* put the figure at 165 dead and 400 wounded.

Lebanese police said the latest casualty count showed 238 people, most of them civilians, were killed and 480 wounded. This brings the police-monitored death toll to 3,541 in West Beirut and 11,050 throughout Lebanon since the start of Operation Peace for Galilee on June 4.

In many streets of West Beirut no buildings were intact. Whole apart-

ment blocks were razed in the coastal quarter of Ramlet al-Baida. The devastation extended as far north as the residential area of Burj Abu Haidar, only 1.5 kilometres from the city centre, where the facade of every building was blackened by fire and pockmarked with shrapnel.

Correspondents who tried to reach PLO offices in the Fakihani area yesterday found that fallen masonry and shell craters had made the roads impassable.

One of West Beirut's two working fire stations was destroyed by the shelling, leaving three trucks to cover 26 square kilometres and a population of about 500,000. Besieged Israeli troops have cut the water supply several times, causing an acute shortage.

Firemen say a major problem is fires caused by phosphorous shells.

"Water doesn't help," said Bashoura fireman Lieutenant Hassan Awada. "We need foam, chemicals, but we run out day after day. One phosphorous shell can start fires in 10 buildings," he said.

In Beirut's southernmost beachside resort of Uzi, which was badly hit by naval bombardment, a few women and old men were seen carrying mattresses and blankets out of their shrapnel-sprayed roadside shacks and trudging north toward the city.

There was almost no building in Uzi and the neighbouring on-cush neighbourhood of Bir Hassan that was not damaged. The adjacent Iranian and Iraqi Embassies took direct hits that punched gaping holes in the walls. The Algerian Embassy was also badly damaged and the Kuwaiti Embassy, already derelict, was hit again. (Reuters, AP)

Charges of pressure on Galei Zahal staff

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Knesset Education and Culture Committee is to take up today allegations that Galei Zahal, the Defence Forces radio station, is under pressure from the defence minister to oust workers he considers hostile to the government and to "conform to a certain political line" in the words of a source at the station.

The committee chairman, Ora Nahir, told *The Jerusalem Post* that the matter would be taken up following the termination of reserve duty of two programme editors, Dan Shilon and Ariel Cohen.

Shilon was reportedly transferred from the station after eight days for discussing the war in Lebanon and saying: "How will we get out of this

planner? (tangle)" while hosting a morning programme.

Shilon's comment on prime minister Menachem Begin's statement that no war has been as just as this one, is also believed to be a reason for his dismissal. Shilon said we must check in ancient Jewish history to verify this statement, made at the recent pro-government rally in Tel Aviv.

Cohen, who also did his reserve duty in the station as editor of the classical-music programmes, was told he would not be permitted to serve on the station again, reportedly because he signed a petition against the war as a civilian before he was called up.

Galei Zahal yesterday, refused to comment on the allegations.

One station source said that

Defence Minister Ariel Sharon and his press adviser, Uri Dan, call the station nearly every day demanding to censor certain programmes, to add new programmes they favour and to get rid of certain programme editors.

Galei Zahal is under the jurisdiction of the Defence Ministry.

It was reported that a list of names and complaints about certain station workers was sent to Sharon and Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Rafael Eitan two days ago. Eitan did not act upon previous complaints about station workers, so now Sharon is reportedly trying to bypass Eitan and fire Zvi Shapira, the officer in charge of the station and his assistant, Elon Shalev. Both Shapira and Shalev refused to comment on these reports yesterday.

Women soldiers jailed for beating Briton

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — One woman soldier was yesterday sentenced to three months in jail and a second to one month for beating a British woman employee of Birzeit University, the Israel Defence Forces spokesman said yesterday.

The two were convicted by a military court of beating Ann Scott, a research assistant at Birzeit, on July 11 at the military government headquarters in Ramallah. Scott had accompanied two students who wanted to recover identification cards confiscated after protest demonstrations against the war in Lebanon.

Scott later told reporters that the two soldiers had taken her to a dormitory and questioned her about why she was at Birzeit. When she refused to answer, they took out what she said looked like a baseball bat and beat her on the arms and legs. Scott said she was warned to tell no one or she would be killed.

Lebanese, Israeli Druze meet again

By YOEL DAR
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TIBERIAS. — About 700 Lebanese Druze spiritual leaders and dignitaries joined their Israeli brethren yesterday at the Druze shrine of Nebi Shu'eb near here. It was their first formal meeting in 35 years.

The Lebanese Druze arrived in about 135 vehicles, some of them carrying Lebanese flags.

The spiritual leader of the Lebanese Druze, Sheikh Mohamed Abu-Shakara, did not attend, however. His representatives explained that he did not come because half of the more than 300,000 Druze live in areas held by Syrians and Palestinians and he feared their reaction.

Political leaders also did not at-

tend the reunion, but no explanation was given for their absence. The head of the international spiritual centre at El Biada, a holy shrine overlooking the Hula valley, Sheikh Fandi Jamal E-Din, was one of the Lebanese guests. He expressed hope that peace will be reached soon between his country and Israel to enable them to resume their contacts, stopped since 1948.

The Israeli Druze spiritual leader, Sheikh Amin Tarif, and Likud Knesset Member Amal Nasr E-Din, a Druze, said the meeting opens a new chapter in relations and urged the government to protect the rights and interests of their co-religionist in Lebanon.

The government was represented by the director-general of the Prime Minister's office, Mattityahu Shmulevitz.

Plem Arabs guilty of backing violence

Nine Arabs from East Jerusalem were each fined IS5,000 and given a six-month suspended sentence by the Jerusalem Magistrates Court yesterday for possessing and distributing material supporting the use of violence and the organization of terrorist activity.

The nine, ranging in age from 22 to 44, were members of a youth club in the Arab part of the Abu Tor quarter. They organized exhibitions of pictures that included material inciting against Zionism, describing "Zionist oppression," and advocating violence in armed struggles. The pictures were drawn by children belonging to the club.

Other material found on the club's premises carried symbols of terrorist organizations. Club members also put on plays that allegedly showed how the Israel Defence Forces questioned residents of the territories.

In his verdict, Judge Aharon Simha said that "in a free state like ours every resident is free to express criticism and views not shared by others, but when such criticism voices disloyalty to the State of Israel and its institutions, as in the

present case, where the wish to destroy and conquer Israel is clearly apparent, then the State of Israel is defending itself by outlawing such criminal acts as these."

One of the convicted is Mohamed Kashur of Abu Tor, who is a senior official in the government company for the development of East Jerusalem. He was also chairman of the club's board of directors.

Much less money printed in July

Post Economic Reporter

The Treasury last month printed bills worth IS800million, compared with IS3.3 billion in June and IS3.6b. in May.

The Treasury and the Bank of Israel say the low figure for July is a result of increased tax receipts and the mobilization of capital from the public to the amount of IS3.4b. Data published by the Bank of Israel also show that foreign-currency reserves have gone up by \$29m. to \$2,891m.

Four more soldiers buried

Jerusalem Post Staff

Four Israel Defence Forces soldiers, killed in Lebanon on Saturday and Sunday, were buried yesterday.

Rav-Turai (Corporal) David Babayan, 20, Seren (Captain) Eitan Kobi, 22, and Rav-Turai Wolf Platonov, 22, were members of an anti-aircraft unit killed on Sunday in the battle for Beirut Airport, when their armoured personnel carrier took a direct hit from a PLO shell. Samal Rishon (Staff Sergeant) Yitzhak Gat, 27, was killed by terrorist fire Saturday south of Mansouriya.

Babayan, a native of Jerusalem, studied printing in a vocational school before his induction into the IDF. Two busloads of mourners from the Shmuel Hanavi neighbourhood accompanied his coffin to the Mt. Herz Military Cemetery, where he was encoiled by Deputy Mayor David Bergman. Babayan is survived by his parents and eight brothers and sisters.

Kobi was scheduled to be released from the army on the day he was killed, and was due to enroll this autumn at Tel Aviv University. A native of Ofakim, he was buried there yesterday afternoon. He is survived by his parents and four



David Babayan

sisters, two of whom are soldiers in the IDF.

Platonov came to Israel with his family from the Soviet Union five years ago and was due to complete his military service soon. He was buried in the Haifa military cemetery. He is survived by his parents, two sisters and a brother. Gat, from Or Yehuda, was a publisher's agent in civilian life. He was buried in the Kiryat Shaul Military Cemetery. He is survived by his parents, three brothers and two sisters.

PLO REDOUBTS

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vicious that the gunners were aiming at specific targets — the shells were fired in very quick succession, sometimes only seconds apart, — but the smoke indicating a hit emerged from relatively few locations.

Military sources said fire was directed mainly at areas near Burj al-Barajneh. At least one barrage hit a high-rise building area north of the refugee camp and smoke was seen engulfing the flats.

In one instance, automatic fire was heard northeast of the airport and within seconds shells were fired in that direction by an IDF battery near the University of Lebanon.

Towards evening, PLO forces laid an ambush from an orchard near the coastal road, a few kilometres north of the Litani River. They fired light arms at the car of Helmut Schneider, West German news correspondent, and his IDF escort.

The two escaped unharmed, but the car was damaged. Bullets also hit a military police jeep following them, injuring the two soldiers. One of the injured was evacuated to hospital by helicopter.

Several trucks carrying ammunition to the front at that time were stopped and made to wait while other units pursued the terrorists. Soldiers jumped out of their vehicles, but apparently no contact was made with the fleeing terrorists.

Several minutes later, armoured troop carriers were seen rushing to the area of the ambush.

Soldiers manning the Beirut museum crossing point between East and West Beirut said all was quiet yesterday. One said he had spotted PLO men watching his unit for about half an hour, but they later sat down on a nearby veranda and appeared to be playing sheshbesh.

Several carloads of persons were seen fleeing West Beirut yesterday in cars loaded with mattresses, pillows, clothes and cooking utensils.

According to UPI, the IDF yesterday reinforced its positions around Beirut with scores of additional tanks and field artillery.

OC Northern Command Amir Drori warned residents to leave West Beirut "before it is too late," UPI reported.

State-run Beirut Radio quoted Drori as saying "Beirutis should leave before it's too late. We can do nothing for those who remain."

He also was quoted as saying that Israel's advance into the airport "has given the Israeli army remarkable military benefits."

Israeli planes flew reconnaissance missions over the capital yesterday. Canadian ambassador Theodore Arcand, the last remaining Western diplomat in West Beirut, was ordered home yesterday by his government, UPI reported.

UN OBSERVERS BLOCKED

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could become, deliberately or by force of circumstance, a buffer or protective curtain shielding the PLO from IDF pressure and thus perhaps even delaying the PLO's departure.

There is indeed a suspicion here in Jerusalem that some of the states that pushed for a UN observer presence in Beirut (the resolution was tabled by Jordan and Spain) were hoping to prevent the PLO's departure altogether.

Israel's fears and suspicions, however, will have to be balanced at Thursday's cabinet meeting against its knowledge that the U.S. voted in favour of the resolution. Indeed, the U.S. was active, according to American officials, in the behind-the-scenes diplomacy that led up to the tabling of the resolution.

The American officials said there had been U.S.-Israel consultations during Sunday in Jerusalem, Washington and New York — "though we are not saying that there was necessarily agreement" (on the deployment of UN observers in Beirut).

The U.S. officials stressed that American support for the UN observers to monitor the cease-fire in no way detracted from the still-valid U.S. offer to send Marines to Beirut as part of a multinational force to supervise the PLO's withdrawal.

America's position — it was made harshly clear to Shamir in Washington yesterday — is that the cease-fire must hold before Envoy Philip Habib can finalize the evacuation accord. The UN observers are seen in Washington as a means of strengthening the cease-fire, since other means have patently failed.

Prime Minister Begin and other senior officials discussed this issue with State Department aide Morris Draper, who flew in from Washington on his way back to Beirut, where he has been assisting

Habib in the negotiations.

In a cable to President Reagan responding to Reagan's birthday wishes, Begin wrote yesterday he felt the IDF faced a Berlin-like situation in Beirut, with "Hitler and his henchmen" hiding in subterranean bunkers, among innocent people.

Apparently it was America's active and positive involvement in the evolution of Resolution 516 that resulted in the omission of any direct blame of Israel for the "intensification of military activities in and around Beirut." The resolution merely took note "of the latest massive violations of the cease-fire" (an earlier draft specified "Israeli violations") and authorized the secretary-general "to deploy immediately upon the request of the Government of Lebanon UN observers to monitor the situation in and around Beirut."

Perez de Cuellar reported back to the Council four hours later that Lebanon had formally requested the observers to be deployed.

In Jerusalem yesterday, some observers felt that Lebanon's request, made in the name of Prime Minister Wazzan, might not have had the enthusiastic support of all of the Beirut government. But Western diplomatic sources said they believed President Sarkis was fully party to the request.

The secretary-general also reported that UNTSO Commander Gen. Alexander Erskine had been told by Israeli officials that the cabinet would discuss the resolution soon.

There are about one dozen UNTSO observers actually inside Beirut, housed since the fighting started in Lebanese Army offices in the eastern part of the city. The UN apparently wants to use them as a nucleus for the projected Beirut observer force of 50-70 officers, drawing on other UNTSO contingents.

U.S. AND ISRAEL

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with Reagan, Shamir made it clear that Israel intends to keep up its military pressure against the PLO in West Beirut.

"We prefer a diplomatic solution to any other solution," he said, "but we are convinced the PLO will not leave Beirut and Lebanon unless they're convinced they have only one choice before them — to leave by negotiation or by other means."

At the State Department, Shamir pointed out that it is still not clear whether the PLO actually intends to leave Lebanon — despite the recent six-point statement released by the Arab League.

"The main point," he said "is to know if the PLO has really decided to leave."



U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger (in suit) gets a close up view of the turret of a Merkava tank on a tour of its assembly line yesterday, accompanied by Defence Minister Ariel Sharon (left), Aluf (res.) Yisrael Tal (center), the "father of the Merkava," and U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis. (Government Press Office)

Weinberger shown Merkava and Kfir

By JEFFREY HELLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — U.S. Secretary of Defence Caspar Weinberger got a first-hand look yesterday at the local arms industry during tours of the assembly lines of the Israeli-built Merkava tank and Kfir warplane.

"We are presenting Israel's technical capability in the area of military industry," Weinberger's host, Defence Minister Ariel Sharon, said as he guided the U.S. Secretary through the Merkava at a military base somewhere in Israel.

Earlier, Sharon formally welcomed Weinberger to Israel in a military ceremony at Defence Ministry headquarters in Tel Aviv. Weinberger flew in by helicopter from Beirut Wednesday for a two-day visit.

Following the Merkava tour, Weinberger was driven to the Israel Aircraft Industries near Ben-Gurion Airport for a walk down the Kfir assembly line.

Pausing along the way to hear technical explanations from IAI officials, Weinberger also stopped to view a lone Kfir performing aerobatics outside.

To the delight of photographers and television crews, the secretary climbed into the cockpit of one of the Kfirs at the invitation of his hosts.

Weinberger appeared to be enjoying himself at the controls as an IAI official pointed out various items of electronic gear in the delta-winged aircraft.

Weinberger made no statement to reporters during the assembly-line tours.

Jerusalem demography blamed for stagnating labour council

Jerusalem Post Reporter

"Politics and religion are stunting the growth of the Jerusalem Labour Council, an analytical report just published by the council points out.

"According to a Jerusalem Labour Council executive, the demography of this city is the real culprit. Large groups of Arab workers in East Jerusalem are subject to political pressures that keep them from joining Israeli unions.

"In the Jewish sector of West Jerusalem, there are many Orthodox Jews who refuse to identify with the Histadrut labour federation because of religious reasons." (The Histadrut is in the forefront of the El Al workers' struggle for the right to work on the Sabbath and other Jewish holy days.)

While Jerusalem's population

grew by 8.5 per cent between 1976 and 1979, the number of Histadrut members in the city increased by less than 5 per cent. As a result, the Jerusalem Labour Council, though among the country's largest, has a substantially lower membership rate per thousand population than labour councils elsewhere, the report says.

Officer wounded by shots from passing car

An Israel Defence Forces officer was shot and slightly wounded yesterday afternoon while he was waiting for a ride on the Lebanese coastal road north of Tyre, the IDF spokesman announced. The shots were fired from a passing Lebanese vehicle, and the officer managed to return the fire.

Austere funeral for Goldmann

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Nahum Goldmann was buried on Mt. Herzl in Jerusalem yesterday in a ceremony whose austerity contrasted sharply with his colourful life. He died at age 87 in Bavaria on Monday.

The funeral, at which there were no speeches or eulogies, according to Goldmann's wishes, was as noteworthy for those who did not attend as for those who were present at the burial of the former president of the World Zionist Organization and the World Jewish Congress.

President Yitzhak Navon stood at the graveside beside Goldmann's wife, Alice, and his sons, Guido (a lecturer at Harvard University and a businessman) and Michael (a director).

Goldmann was buried near Berl Locker, a former chairman of the Zionist Executive; the family of Theodor Herzl; and predecessors in the WZO, Nahum Sokolow and David Wolfsohn.

About 400 attended the simple ceremony outside Jewish Agency headquarters at 11.30 a.m., and half of them went on to the cemetery under a hot noon sun.

Among those who attended the service were Ministers Simha Ehrlich and Yitzhak Moda'i, Knesset Speaker Menachem Savidor, Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, the ambassadors of Germany, France, Great Britain, Austria, Egypt and Costa Rica, and a handful of members of the Zionist Executive. Also there were veteran Labour leader David Hacohen, Prof. Ephraim Urbach, Knesset Members Shulamit Aloni and Menachem Porush and Sallie Lewis, wife of the U.S. ambassador.

Conspicuous by their absence were Prime Minister Menachem Begin, who had planned to remain in Nahariya on vacation but was holding a cabinet meeting at the time of the funeral; Jewish Agency Executive chairman Arye Dulzin, who was on business in South Africa and did not return for the funeral; and the three Herut representatives on the Zionist Executive.

The only foreign dignitary to attend was Prof. Alexander Moeller, a former finance minister of the German Federal Republic and personal representative of Chancellor Helmut Schmidt.

In a personal condolence message to Mrs.



President Yitzhak Navon yesterday places a single flower on the grave of Nahum Goldmann. (IPPA)

Goldmann, Schmidt stressed his deep sorrow at her husband's death. "I am losing an old friend and I shall miss his counsel and his wisdom," the German leader wrote.

PLO chairman Yasser Arafat issued a statement yesterday lamenting the death of "this great man and great Jew." "With men of goodwill everywhere, we Palestinians mourn the passing of Dr. Nahum Goldmann, a Jewish statesman of towering and irreplaceable stature who uniquely struggled for justice and the rights of all peoples," the statement said.

WEEKEND STRIKES CALLED OFF

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spokesman said.

"Now the High Court of Justice has shown that it, too, opposes such steps. We hope the court ruling will give the government a reason to retract its decision," he said.

El Al managing director Yitzhak

Shander said the court ruling proves that problems may be solved in keeping with law and order, without resorting to strikes. He said El Al put a "freeze" on the moves to stop all weekend flights and that the 45 days would give time to find a solution acceptable to both sides. For the next 45 days, he said, El Al will operate according to its regular schedule.

Transport Minister Haim Corfu said the decision to close El Al down on Shabbat was thought out carefully and would not be put up for debate again. He said the attorney-general will be instructed to answer the court as soon as possible.

Agudat Yisrael leader Menachem Porush yesterday declared that El Al will not fly on the Sabbath, even if a special law has to be legislated to this effect. He labelled the fight against the decision to close El Al a "shameful blot" on the nation. "It is unheard of that Jews should fight to work on the Sabbath," he said.

Porush threatened that if El Al continues to fly on Saturdays, Orthodox haredi Jews, who constitute 30 to 40 per cent of the airline's passengers, will stop using it altogether. He cautioned El Al workers against "hooliganism" in trying to oppose the decision to ground the airline on Saturdays.

Finance Committee member Dan Tichon (Liberal-Likud) said he

would renew his proposal to stop El Al's Sabbath flights gradually over a four-year period. He was not surprised by the court's ruling, he said.

Committee member Adiel Amosai (Alignment) said the coalition did not have a majority when it ratified the decision to ground El Al on the Jewish holy days.

Askenazi Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren said yesterday that he suggested to Prime Minister Menachem Begin to consider introducing a law against paying extra wages for Sabbath work, following the El Al controversy.

"The root of the evil is the extra pay, sometimes as much as 400 per cent, received by El Al workers for Sabbath work," Goren said on Israel Radio, adding that this was why they were fighting so hard to continue working on Saturdays.

Goren also suggested that workers in vital security plants, who are permitted to work on Saturdays, not be paid anything extra for this work. "No worker would want to work on the Sabbath for the same pay, so this would put an end to fighting to work on Saturdays," Goren said.

Late-night calls to U.S. cost less

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Phone calls dialled directly to North America from 1 a.m. to 7 a.m. (Israel time), any night of the week now cost less than half as much as a call at other hours of the day.

The Communications Ministry this week introduced a cheap rate for such calls to make use of the "dead hours" after midnight, when the international phone lines are usually under-used.

The charge per minute during this period is IS35.60. After 7 a.m., the price is IS53.40 until 1 p.m., when it rises to IS71.20 on weekdays and IS53.40 on weekends (Saturday and Sunday).

The rate is valid only for direct-dialled calls. The ministry has set a standard rate of IS81 per minute for operator-assisted calls to North America.

Hammer, Landau meet on student union

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Education and Culture Minister Zevulun Hammer yesterday met with former Supreme Court president Moshe Landau for a preliminary discussion of the problems of student representation at the Hebrew University.

The university recognizes neither the old Student Union, controlled

by right-wing students, nor the recently-founded Student Association, made up of centre to left-wing students. It has announced it will recognize only a truly representative, independent and democratic body.

Hammer told Landau, who agreed to arbitrate the conflict, that all sides, including students, are willing to discuss the issue and settle it.

Nissim threatens to suspend court strikers

By ISRAEL AMRANI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Justice Minister Moshe Nissim warned yesterday that any court worker doing less than a full day's work as of today will be suspended without pay and Director of Courts Moshe Nacht warned that any worker violating Wednesday's back-to-work order will be fired immediately.

But Civil Service Union secretary-general Reuven Ben-Ami yesterday cabled Nissim and Nacht that his union had declared a work dispute more than two weeks ago regarding the court workers' case. The ministry had asserted that the partial strike was not supported by their union, as the workers had rejected an agreement that the ministry, the Treasury and the un-

ion had agreed upon.

The workers began their partial strike on Wednesday, barricading the Tel Aviv District Court to back up their demand that administrative workers also receive the IS2,000-monthly pay increase offered the court workers. The ministry rejected the demand, saying administrative workers do not perform any more tasks than they did when the collective wage agreement was signed.

All courts in the country, except labour courts and magistrates courts in Netanya, Nazareth and Herzliya, were virtually deserted yesterday, as only the 12 court workers who were ordered back to work performed their duties. The 12 Tel Aviv courthouse workers handled paper work dealing only

with arrests, bail and alimony payments.

In the Jerusalem District Court, Acting-President Judge Eliezer Goldberg called a policeman to enforce an order he had issued prohibiting court workers from locking the courthouse's iron gates. Earlier, policemen ordered workers at the Jerusalem Magistrates Court to clear the entrance. Both orders were enforced without incident.

"Our struggle with the ministry is over bread, not cake," Moshe Azaraf, a workers' leader in Jerusalem Magistrates Court, told The Jerusalem Post yesterday. However, another worker told The Post that workers are ready to end their strike and get back to work, leaving the administrative workers to fend for themselves.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF

New factory converts cow manure to fuel

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A modern installation for converting cow manure into combustible methane gas was formally opened yesterday on Kibbutz Zikim.

Known as Nefah (the acronym for the Hebrew term for "Utilization of Agricultural Wastes"), the plant will process some three tons of manure each day. This will produce enough gas to make the kibbutz independent of outside energy, as well as producing soil conditioners and fertilizers.

Salt shortage may get worse next week

HAIFA — Sanctions by the Atlit Salt Company workers have gone into the third week, with the shortage of table salt likely to worsen and include other salts next week.

Plenty of pond fish for High Holy Days

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — All types of pond-bred fish will be in plentiful supply for the High Holy Days, Amnon Levin secretary of the Fish Breeders Union, said yesterday.

Live carp will be sold at the controlled price of IS71.70 per kilogram. The price, which just went up by 8.3 per cent on Wednesday, will not rise again until after the Holy Days, he said.

Canada names new ambassador

TEL AVIV — The Canadian Em-

bassy announced yesterday that Vernon G. Turner, 52, has been named the next ambassador to Israel. Turner is expected to arrive in Israel on October 4, and is succeeding Joseph Stanford, who is returning to Ottawa in September.

Volunteers to stay

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Fifty of the 500 young Jews who arrived here recently in order to help Golan Heights settlements during the war in Lebanon have decided to return to Israel when they finish their studies. They will live in the Golan and in Judea and Samaria.

Ten of the 50 have told the Jewish Agency that they do not intend to return home, but will become olim immediately. At a ceremony held in the north upon completion of their volunteer work, the English-speaking participants were presented with certificates citing their help to settlements.

A second group of 150 volunteers is expected soon.

Just a couple of geriatrics

By JEFFREY HELLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — A 93-year-old man and his friend, 10 years his junior, promised police who arrested them yesterday for charging drivers a fee for parking in a public lot that they will find a new line of work.

The old-timers ran their business at a municipal parking lot in the back of the city's central post office in Rehov Allenby, police said. But a letter to the police from a motorist not keen on paying the pair charged

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Alignment cool on Shahal-Aloni letter to Savidor

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

Several Alignment Knesset Members, including party chairman Shimon Peres and three chairmen of Knesset committees, have dissociated themselves from a sharply critical letter sent to Speaker Menachem Savidor by faction chairman Moshe Shahal and Shulamit Aloni, who represents the Citizens Rights Movement wing in the Alignment.

In their letter, whose tone Savidor says is "unprecedented" in communication from MKs to the speaker, Shahal and Aloni accused Savidor of wishing to "shut the mouths" of MKs, curtail their freedom of expression, and turn the MK into a prisoner of his party.

The letter came after a speech made by Savidor before the Likud Knesset faction on August 19. He said that MKs should not have the right to "cross the lines" (as was done, for instance, by Yitzhak Peretz and Amnon Linn, who were elected on the Likud list but moved over to the Alignment).

"Have you considered why the present Knesset is worse than its predecessors?" Shahal and Aloni asked in their letter to Savidor, implying that he himself is to blame.

The three committee chairmen who have informed Savidor that they do not share the views expressed in the letter are Ora Namir (Education and Culture), Gad Ya'acobi (Economics), and Avraham Katz-Oz (State Control). Aharon Nahmias and Michael Bar-Zohar also dissociated themselves from the letter.

Savidor has asked the Alignment faction to invite him to appear before it to discuss the lessons to be drawn from the first year of the Tenth Knesset, as he did with his own Likud faction.

Bezalel Gibstein

RISHON LEZION. — Bezalel Gibstein, Mayor Hanania Gibstein's oldest brother, died after a short illness while travelling in Europe. The mayor Gibstein flew to Germany to bring back the body, which was scheduled to arrive here late last night.

Burial will be at 1 p.m. in the old cemetery here.

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Positive reactions to Reagan's speech

LONDON. — World reaction to President Ronald Reagan's speech on the Middle East was generally positive yesterday.

Britain regards Reagan's Middle East initiative as "a constructive and imaginative step", and as "a serious attempt to take account of the concerns of the interested parties and recognise that the future of the Palestinians is central to Middle East peace," a Foreign Office statement said.

While not commenting directly on Israel's rejection of the initiative, the Foreign Office did say that "it would be a tragedy if it were rejected out of hand."

On the other hand, the Soviet Union charged that Reagan's new Middle East peace proposals were designed to increase U.S. influence in the region.

"The U.S. wants neither more nor less than to establish through diktat its 'new order' in that strategically important area," the official Soviet news agency Tass said.

Hatem Hussaini, the PLO's deputy permanent observer at the U.N., told reporters that "President Reagan's statement contained important and positive suggestions

for achieving a real and lasting peace in the Middle East.

The PLO and the Palestinian people strongly yearn for peace and for a peaceful solution that will guarantee their inalienable right to self-determination and living in an independent Palestinian state on their land, Palestine," he said.

France's President Francois Mitterrand, visiting Greece, withheld detailed comment, but he said that "proposals that call for Palestinians to have a home, to regain a homeland, will be supported by us."

U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz, picking up support for Reagan's proposals from former president Jimmy Carter, said Reagan's proposals must be viewed as a package and not rejected simply because parts are distasteful.

Carter rejected Israeli contentions that the new proposals go beyond what was intended in the Camp David accords Carter worked out with Israel and Egypt.

Carter said there was "absolutely nothing in the president's speech last night which is contrary to either the letter or the spirit of the Camp David agreement. It is absolutely compatible." (JP correspondents and agencies)

New rioting erupts in Poland

WARSAW (UPI). — New rioting between police and demonstrators erupted on Wednesday in the eastern Polish city of Lublin just two days after two persons were killed there in clashes, the Polish news agency PAP said yesterday.

PAP said groups of mainly young people gathered in the city and marched to the local Communist Party headquarters chanting anti-state slogans. A room in one building was set on fire and firemen tackling the blaze were pelted with firebombs and stones, said the agency. Three persons died and 67 civilians and 103 policemen were hurt in Tuesday's nationwide disturbances marking the second anniversary of the founding of the independent unit Solidarity, it was officially announced on Wednesday.

Official reports confirmed that the disturbances were "widespread" and estimated that 65,000 to 75,000 persons demonstrated nationwide. Officials said that 4,050 demonstrators were arrested.

The army newspaper, *Zolnier Wolnowci*, yesterday blamed the Solidarity underground for the deaths and injuries and said the street clashes made it impossible that the opposition be taken into consideration in any national dialogue. (AP, UPI)

Another French firm defies pipeline ban

NANTES (AP). — A dozen French-built gas filters destined for the Soviet natural-gas pipeline will be delivered next week despite the U.S. embargo, an official with the firm that built them said Wednesday.

An executive of the Creusot-Loire company said the filters should leave Nantes on Monday. Two other firms have already broken the embargo on providing equipment developed with U.S. technology for the 5,500-kilometer pipeline, which is scheduled to start bringing gas from Siberia to Western Europe in early 1984.

U.S. President Ronald Reagan imposed the embargo to punish the Soviet Union for its support of the military crackdown in Poland.

Dresser France, a branch of the Dallas, Texas, firm Dresser Industries, became the first firm to break the embargo when it

delivered three compressors for the pipeline last week.

On Tuesday, the John Brown Engineering Co. in Glasgow, Scotland, began loading 500 crates of turbine parts it built for the pipeline.

After Dresser defied the embargo, the Reagan administration decided to temporarily bar exports of U.S. goods, services and technology to Dresser France and Creusot-Loire, an engineering group that is one of the main contractors for the pipeline along with West Germany's Mannesman. Dresser France is a sub-contractor to Creusot-Loire.

UPI reported from Bonn that the West German firm of AEG Telefunken announced yesterday that it will decide next week whether to defy the American ban by supplying 57 pipeline turbines worth \$370 million to the Soviet Union.

Compensation Claims — Czechoslovakia

United Kingdom nationals who have suffered loss relating to property, debts, bank balances, shares, bonds or pensions, nationalized, expropriated, or otherwise affected by measures decreed by the Czechoslovak government may now register their claims.

Under the Foreign Compensation (Czechoslovakia) Order 1982, claims in general will be registered in respect of nationalized property etc. of any person who was a United Kingdom national on February 2, 1982, provided that the property to which the application relates was, at the relevant date, beneficially owned by a British subject (deemed to include a person who, prior to May 16, 1948, was a Palestinian citizen, under the Palestinian Citizenship Orders 1925-1942).

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Mexico makes dollar illegal tender

MEXICO CITY (Reuters). — Mexico has declared the dollar illegal tender as it carries out sweeping economic measures to stem a massive flight of capital that has left the country virtually bankrupt.

All private domestic banks were nationalized and stringent foreign exchange controls were imposed as part of the measures announced by President Jose Lopez Portillo in his annual state of the nation address Wednesday.

A decree published in the official bulletin said all dollars coming into Mexico through normal international banking channels can be withdrawn only in pesos at a rate fixed by the central bank and all dollar accounts will eventually be phased out.

The decree, which comes into effect on Monday, when the newly nationalized banks reopen, was designed to halt the currency black market that emerged in recent weeks.

Mexican companies have often used dollars in domestic transactions such as bank loans. The close

relationship between Mexico and the U.S. has ensured the ready acceptance of the dollar throughout the country.

The official bulletin said nationalized private banks would be paid compensation within 10 years.

Lopez Portillo blamed the flight of capital for most of Mexico's financial headaches and estimated that in the past two to three years, at least \$22 billion had left Mexico, mainly to the U.S.

He suggested that Washington should look into the possibility of recycling back to Mexico credits equivalent to capital funds deposited or invested in the U.S. by Mexicans.

While financial circles called the move a "catastrophe," left-wing opposition parties welcomed the government move. The leader of the Unified Socialist Parties of Mexico, Arnoldo Martinez Verdugo, said "revolutionary and patriotic forces throughout the country should form a common front against any reactionary resistance to the measures."

Mexico's crisis, caused partly by a drop in the price of oil, its main revenue earner, has forced the government to devalue the peso twice this year, to freeze dollar bank accounts and to stretch out repayments on \$80 billion of foreign debt.

An International Monetary Fund (IMF) delegation is having talks with Mexico on a \$4.5b. credit that could restore foreign confidence, but at the risk of domestic unrest.

Many Mexicans worry that IMF-imposed government cuts in public spending and on subsidies of basic foods could provoke mass unrest, especially among the poor and jobless, who make up the majority of Mexico's 70 million population.

The bank nationalization measure affects about 50 private banks with assets estimated at some 2,600 billion pesos (about \$26 billion at current exchange rates).

Lopez Portillo admitted the currency exchange controls would be difficult to enforce because of Mexico's 3,500-kilometre common border with the U.S.

Mitterrand visits Greece for talks on NATO

ATHENS (Reuters). — French President Francois Mitterrand arrived in Greece yesterday for a two-day visit, the second by a French president since democratic rule was restored in Greece in 1974.

Mitterrand will meet Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu and is expected to urge him to keep Greece in NATO. The two Socialist leaders are also expected to discuss the proposed sale of 100 French Mirage 2000 jetfighters to Greece.

Greek officials said no meeting had been arranged between Mitterrand and terrorist leader Yasser Arafat, who also arrived in Athens on Wednesday from Beirut.

In a speech at a state banquet last night, Mitterrand referred to differences of view between Greece and France on the Middle East.

Greece grants the PLO wider recognition than other Common Market members. Mitterrand said these differences spring from geographical conditions.

Italian premier given vote of confidence

ROME (AP). — Premier Giovanni Spadolini yesterday won a vote of confidence in the Chamber of Deputies on Italy's 42nd post-war government, a carbon copy of the government that fell August 7.

Spadolini's coalition of Christian Democrats, Socialists, Republicans, Social Democrats and Liberals has exactly the same cabinet ministers as the previous government. However, he said it represented a new era in Italian government because of its dedication to reforming the nation's political institutions.

The government crisis began when the Socialist Party led by Bettino Craxi pulled its ministers out of Spadolini's previous cabinet in a dispute over taxation policy and the practice of secret votes in parliament.

Ghandi reshuffles cabinet as journalists' strike looms

NEW DELHI (Reuters). — Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi announced a reshuffle of her cabinet yesterday, switching her information minister but leaving untouched the key portfolios of foreign affairs, defence and finance. The move came a day before a threatened press strike.

The Information Ministry is a sensitive post, with mounting opposition to a controversial press bill in the eastern state of Bihar. A 24-hour national journalists' strike is expected today to protest against a bill making it an offence to write anything deemed "scurrilous."

The proposed strike could black

out most newspapers and news agencies, though it is unlikely to affect the state-run radio and television.

Gandhi last night dismissed "agitation" by journalists against the Bihar bill as "bogus." She said the Indian press enjoys more freedom than any other democracy, but she added, freedom of the press does not mean that character assassination should be permitted.

The new head of the information ministry is N.K.P. Salve, a 61-year-old veteran politician and taxation expert. He replaces Vasant Sathe, who takes over as chemicals and fertilisers minister.

China to make growth top priority

PEKING (AP). — Delegates to the 12th Communist Party congress yesterday began studying a report on making economic modernization China's top priority and quadrupling economic output by the year 2000.

The report was delivered on Wednesday by Chairman Hu Yaobang. He said China would strive to quadruple its annual industrial and agricultural output by the end of the century.

On television, Hu, sitting in front of a giant hammer and sickle on a red curtain, was seen animatedly delivering his report, concluding with a shout: "Nothing will stop us. Victory is ours."

The congress contrasted sharply with the last, when the late chairman Mao Tse-tung's chosen successor, the "wise leader" Hua

Guofeng, was upholding Mao's policy of political class struggle and praising Mao's 1966-76 "Cultural Revolution."

A year later, with Deng back in command after being purged twice in that decade, the party central committee decided that economic modernization was China's main task.

Meanwhile, the Communist Party journal, *Red Flag*, warned Wednesday that without a regular system for replacing aging leaders, China could face social turbulence at home and have difficulty coping with emergencies abroad.

Red Flag said life-long tenure had to end because it stifled the enthusiasm of young and middle-aged officials and created a cycle in which aged leaders continually succeeded other aged leaders.

Kissinger says Namibia solution 'close'

LUSAKA. — Independence will come to Namibia (South West Africa) within a year, former U.S. secretary of state Henry Kissinger predicted yesterday.

Kissinger, on a one-day visit to Zambia, discussed the future of the South African-administered territory on Wednesday night with President Kenneth Kaunda.

Speaking yesterday before leaving for talks with President Robert Mugabe in Zimbabwe, he told

reporters: "A solution to Namibia is very close. Internal issues have already been settled and Namibian independence will come about within a year."

It was reported yesterday in Harare, Zimbabwe that Libya has promised to supply oil to Zimbabwe.

The state-owned Zimbabwe radio, quoting the Libyan peoples' bureau in Harare, said a Libyan delegation would arrive shortly in Zimbabwe to discuss oil supplies. (Reuters, AP)

Danish government to resign today

COPENHAGEN (UPI). — Prime Minister Anker Jorgensen said yesterday that his government will resign because of rejection of its plan for revamping the economy.

Jorgensen's decision to step down followed two days of intense negotiations that failed to create broad majority support among the opposition for his Social Democrats economic package.

He said he will tender his government's resignation to Queen Margrethe today, ending eight months in power.

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LEBANON CAMPAIGN

Donors also helping out Soldiers Welfare fund

OVERSEAS READERS are still using *The Jerusalem Post* as the mailing address for contributions to The Soldiers Welfare Association. Some of these donations come in the same envelope as a cheque for our Lebanon Campaign, while others are addressed to the Soldiers Welfare Association c/o *The Jerusalem Post*. Mostly, the contributions are individual, but not always. Veteran *Post* subscriber John Klein of New York prevailed on his friends, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Butnick, to host a dinner for the Association, where guests contributed \$30,000.

As for the Lebanon Campaign, Dr. David A. Loeffler, who is connected with the B'nai B'rith Hill Foundation at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, organized a table-raising drive by setting up a table manned by students in the campus bookstore.

Plans for the disbursement of funds raised by the Lebanon Campaign were temporarily suspended this week because of the death of Dr. Mordechai Avitzur, coordinator of relief activities for Lebanon, in a car crash.

Meanwhile, *The Post's* Lebanon Campaign has grown by a further \$14,980 and the total currently

stands at \$1,180,873.48.

There is still time before Rosh Hashana to write a cheque for any or all of the *The Jerusalem Post* Funds. Each cheque should be made out separately for the specific fund for which it is intended. Please mail your cheques immediately to *The Jerusalem Post*, P.O.B. 81-910-00 Jerusalem.

Cheques should be made out to *The Jerusalem Post* Fund. For sake Me Not, Keren Tsolia and/or *The Jerusalem Post* for Lebanon Campaign.

Donors for the Lebanon Campaign of last week were:

\$14,000 Anonymous, Safed
\$100 Wade Moore, West Prestonburg, Ky.
\$58 Anonymous contributors, Hill-Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.
\$56 Money collected by students Hill-Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.
\$99 Rabbi David Rosen, Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, Suburban Park Jewish Center, East Meadow, N.Y.
\$25 Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Kugel, Lubout, Okla.
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\$18 Rabbi Scott E. Gliss, Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, Temple Beth-El, Ithaca, N.Y.
\$130 Anonymous, Tel Aviv.
\$10 Dr. Emanuel Kagan, Baltimore, Md.
\$1250 Anonymous, P.O. Box, Mrs. M. Goldman, Herdlyng.
\$500 Mrs. A.L. Cohen-Jones, Antwerp, Belgium.

New contributors sought

THE HIGH HOLY DAYS are only two weeks away. During the Jewish month of Elul, it is customary for Jews to review the past year of their lives and consider their sins before pleading for compassion from the Heavenly Court.

There are sins of commission and sins of omission. Anyone who turned a deaf ear to a cry for help has committed a sin of omission. Thousands of *Jerusalem Post* readers do not fall into this category.

But unfortunately, there are still thousands of readers who have not heeded the plea to help buy toys and games for sick and well children in institutional care and in foster homes; to help maintain and expand the network of welfare services for the aged; to lend a helping hand to former wards of the state as they cross the border from the sheltered

environment of adolescence to the adult world outside; to restore some dignity to the lives of Lebanese civilians who were rendered homeless and deprived of community infrastructures by seven years of PLO terrorism and the repercussions of Operation Peace for Galilee.

The 33rd annual *Jerusalem Post* Toy Fund drive came to a close with contributions totalling \$595,710.59. This includes \$36,340 received up to August 31, the date on which the books were closed for auditing.

The final list of donors in the 33rd drive is printed below.

\$50 Students of the B'nai Jehoshua Beth Elohian Religious School, Glenview, IL, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Davis's 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wasser, Bridgeport, Conn.
\$1339 Anonymous, Jerusalem.
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\$10 Anonymous, Jerusalem.
\$1315 Lena and Noah Benings, Asheville, NC.
\$5 Burg Graemepracht, Amsterdam, Holland.
\$18 Anonymous, Jerusalem (2 times).

THE TOY FUND brought in its best results ever, and certainly sets a new standard for future drives; but Forsake Me Not, the second-annual campaign for which has just concluded, failed to elicit the expected response. At the end of January this year, Forsake Me Not stood at just over a million shekels, with most of the money representing contributions made during three months. There was every indication that the money would be doubled before August 31, but the forecast was over-optimistic. Only during the past three months did Forsake Me Not receive a major boost, first from the 80th birthday of Dely Perath, and soon afterwards from the Golden wedding of Rachel of Rach and Ben Baran.

"FORSAKE ME NOT"

Even before the actual celebrations, relatives and friends of the Barons sent in \$8,133.55, but then an even larger batch of contributions in their honour arrived at *The Jerusalem Post* offices. Altogether, the Baron 50th wedding anniversary swelled Forsake Me Not funds by \$22,714.35.

In the final analysis, Forsake Me Not contributions came to \$1,460,799.24, of which \$140,000 was in this week's mail.

It isn't always the money that is important. Senior students of the Sieff school in Jerusalem's Yefe Nof neighbourhood, on returning to their studies after the long summer vacation, were asked by Principal Ruth Ottolenghi to select community-oriented projects as extra-curricular activities. One group of 30 14-15-year-olds chose to do odd jobs around the houses of the aged, so that senior citizens would not have to shell out money for their pensions for professional repair men. The Forsake Me Not fund will finance the cost of tool boxes.

Ben Zion Kerem, Deputy Director of Services for the Aged at the Ministry of Social Affairs, reports that the ministry is eager to have schools all over the country undertake similar projects. The ministry is now approaching other school principals and teachers.

Meanwhile, the ministry is setting up occupational centres for the aged all over the country. The centres, under the direction of David Javin, will be run in conjunction with local bodies. They will not be operated as sheltered workshops.

but will be designed to serve the talents of "different people" in different communities, so that elderly people may derive a sense of fulfilment from the tasks they undertake. Forsake Me Not donors were:

\$184,530. Additional contributions in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Rachel and Ben Baran — \$800 Tilly Grill, Cape Town. (IS1,345) Dr. Joseph and Mrs. Gwen Baron. (IS1,300) Cecilia and Dick Sonenberg. (IS790) Irene and Israel Dunsley, Klar Shmaryahu, (\$21,65) Mr. and Mrs. H. Gersh, Cape Town. (\$20) Mr. and Mrs. Selwyn Haas. (IS500) Ruth and Wolf Kantor, Tel Aviv. Mr. and Mrs. Zali Miller, Jerusalem. Dorothy Silver and daughters, Ramat Gan. Rachel Streiman, Ramat Aviv. Bella and Boris Koss, Tel Aviv. Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Mendelsohn, Netanya. Zena and Gerry Jacobson, Netanya. (IS15) Trevor and Lilian Lomofsky and family, Cape Town. (IS300) Dvora and Izchak Rosenbaum, Ramat Hasharon. Mr. and Mrs. Mahor, Tel Aviv. (IS100) Mr. and Mrs. L.A. Malshef, Trassval, S. Africa. Victor Rubin, London. (IS250) Lewis and Sadie Hercovitz, Raanana. Sheila and Cyril Sevil, Jerusalem. Rita and Alec Shadovitz, Jerusalem. E. Brod, Herdlyng. David Marcus, Klar Shmaryahu. (IS73) Fred and Freda Epstein, Tzfat. (IS200) Mr. and Mrs. Peter Staub; Judge and Mrs. Joseph Herstein; Kiryat Ono; Pnina Rosin, Netanya. Doreen and Lynn Guldberg, Haifa. Isabel and Bernard Morde, Raanan. (IS100) Mrs. Rachel, Ben and Miriam Brenner, Givat Savyon. (IS180) Julia Slonim, Haifa. (IS150) Etta and Mark Markov; Mick and Molly Alhadev; Rehovot. (IS100) Rose Brenner, Givat Savyon. Eliezer and Dvora Lison, Giv'atayim. Freda and Gussie Halberstam, London. (IS250) Bridge Playing Ladies — 8, Hammar; G. Eisen, C. Pez; S. Capulato, Tel Aviv. D. Lindenbluth, Neve Avim. F. Alter, Gah Yavne. E. Kunda, Savyon. J. S. Lasovsky, Rehovot. T. Oltensomer; H. Kleinfeld; Harzilya Pituah, B. Shapiro; M. Kowarsky, Herdlyng.
\$100 Happy 75th birthday to Saba Mat J. Goldfarb of Rimon — Lora, Jonathan, Denise, Sheila and Allen Wachawsky, Omer.
\$12,650 In honour of grandchildren Kenneth, Sharon and Jennifer Marshall of Irvine, Calif. — Eliezer Marshall, Jerusalem.
\$11,000 Jill and Zipporah Neuman, Haifa.
\$1500 Anonymous, Tel Aviv. Ruth Leberstein, Ra'anana. Norbert and Rivka Bacharach, Herdlyng. Pituah. She'arei Ratzon — the Spanish and Portuguese Congregation in Israel, Jerusalem. In honor of Mrs. J. Goldfarb's 75th birthday — Theodore Satz, S. David, OH. In honor of my first granddaughter Liliana Kate Lawson — Abraham Tarnopol, Treadwell, NY.
\$1360 Y. Seligman, Haifa.
\$220 Anonymous, Jerusalem.
\$300 Ronen and Gert Insurance Agency, Tel Aviv. Hoshing, Ashdod.
\$11 Sisterhood of Congregation B'nai Israel, Brooklyn, NY.
\$10 Anonymous, Netanya.
\$1250 Anonymous, Haifa. In honor of Max Goldfarb's 75th birthday — Nathan and Leah Hammerman, Raanan. Le Zion. In honor of Prof. and Mrs. M. Schaffer's Golden Wedding Anniversary Betty and Joseph Herstein; Kiryat Ono.
\$1200 Mr. and Mrs. D. Hamberger, Netanya. In honor of Prof. Walter and Gladys Schaefer's Golden Wedding Anniversary — Dvora Ginzburg, Haifa.
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FOLLOWING is the text, as delivered, of President Reagan's September 1 address to the American people.

TODAY has been a day that should make all of us proud. It marked the end of the successful evacuation of the PLO from Beirut, Lebanon. This peaceful step could never have been taken without the good offices of the United States and, especially, the truly heroic work of a great American diplomat, Philip Habib. Thanks to his efforts, I am happy to announce that the U.S. Marine contingent helping to supervise the evacuation has accomplished its mission.

Our young men should be out of Lebanon within two weeks. They, too, have served the cause of peace with distinction and we can all be very proud of them.

But the situation in Lebanon is only part of the overall problem of the conflict in the Middle East. So, over the past two weeks, while events in Beirut dominated the front page, America was engaged in a quiet behind-the-scenes effort to lay the groundwork for a broader peace in the region.

For once, there were no premature leaks as U.S. diplomatic missions travelled to Mid-East capitals and I met here at home with a wide range of experts to map out an American peace initiative for the long-suffering peoples of the Middle East, Arab and Israeli alike.

It seemed to me that, with the agreement in Lebanon, we had an opportunity for a more far-reaching peace effort in the region — and I was determined to seize that moment. In the words of the scripture, the time had come to "follow after the things which make for peace."

Tonight, I want to report to you on the steps we have taken, and the prospects they can open up for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

AMERICA has long been committed to bringing peace to this troubled region. For more than a generation, successive U.S. administrations have endeavored to develop a fair and workable process that could lead to a true and lasting Arab-Israeli peace. Our involvement in the search for Mid-East peace is not a matter of preference; it is a moral imperative. The strategic importance of the region to the U.S. is well known.

But our policy is motivated by more than strategic interests. We also have an irreversible commitment to the survival and territorial integrity of friendly states. Nor can we ignore the fact that the wellbeing of much of the world's economy is tied to stability in the strife-torn Middle East. Finally, our traditional humanitarian concerns dictate a continuing effort to peacefully resolve conflicts.

When our administration assumed office in January 1981, I decided that the general framework for our Middle East policy should follow the broad guidelines laid down by my predecessors.

There were two basic issues we had to address: First, there was the strategic threat to the region posed by the Soviet Union and its surrogates, best demonstrated by the brutal war in Afghanistan; and, second, the peace process between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

With regard to the Soviet threat, we have strengthened our efforts to develop with our friends and allies a

'A new opportunity for Middle East peace'

Text of President Ronald Reagan's policy speech to the American people, delivered late Wednesday night.



joint policy to deter the Soviets and their surrogates from further expansion in the region, and, if necessary, to defend against it.

With respect to the Arab-Israeli conflict, we have embraced the Camp David framework as the only way to proceed. We have also recognized, however, that solving the Arab-Israeli conflict, in and of itself, cannot assure peace throughout a region as vast and troubled as the Middle East.

OUR FIRST objective under the Camp David process was to ensure the successful fulfillment of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty. This was achieved with the peaceful return of the Sinai to Egypt in April 1982. To accomplish this, we worked hard with our Egyptian and Israeli friends, and eventually with our friendly countries, to create the multinational force which now operates in the Sinai.

Throughout this period of difficult and time-consuming negotiations, we never lost sight of the next step of Camp David: autonomy talks to pave the way for permitting the Palestinian people to exercise their legitimate rights. However, owing to the tragic assassination of President Sadat and other crises in the area, it was not until January 1982 that we were able to make a major effort to renew these talks. Secretary of State Haig and Ambassador Fairbanks made three visits to Israel and Egypt this year to pursue the autonomy talks. Considerable progress was made in developing the basic outline of an American approach which was to be presented to Egypt and Israel after April.

The successful completion of Israel's withdrawal from Sinai and the courage shown on this occasion by Prime Minister Begin and President Mubarak in living up to their agreements, convinced me the time had come for a new American policy to try to bridge the remaining differences between Egypt and Israel on the autonomy process.

So, in May, I called for specific measures and a timetable for consultations with the governments of Egypt and Israel on the next steps in the peace process. However, before this effort could be launched, the conflict in Lebanon preempted our efforts. The autonomy talks were basically put on hold while we sought to untangle the parties in Lebanon and still the guns of war.

THE LEBANON war, tragic as it was, has left us with a new opportunity for Middle East peace. We must seize it now and bring peace to

this troubled area so vital to world stability while there is still time. It was with this strong conviction that over a month ago, before the present negotiations in Beirut had been completed, I directed Secretary of State Shultz to again review our policy and to consult a wide range of outstanding Americans on the best ways to strengthen chances for peace in the Middle East.

We have consulted with many of the officials who were historically involved in the process, with members of the Congress, and with individuals from the private sector, and I have held extensive consultations with my own advisers on the principles I will outline to you tonight.

The evacuation of the PLO from Beirut is now complete. We can now help the Lebanese to rebuild their war-torn country. We owe it to ourselves, and to posterity, to move quickly to build upon this achievement. A stable and revived Lebanon is essential to all our hopes for peace in the region. The people of Lebanon deserve the best efforts of the international community to turn the nightmares of the past several years into a new dawn of hope.

But the opportunities for peace in the Middle East do not begin and end in Lebanon. As we help Lebanon rebuild, we must also move to resolve the root causes of conflict between Arabs and Israelis.

This war in Lebanon has demonstrated many things, but two consequences are key to the peace process:

First, the military losses of the PLO have not diminished the yearning of the Palestinian people for a just solution of their claims; and second, while Israel's military successes in Lebanon have demonstrated that its armed forces are second to none in the region, they alone cannot bring just and lasting peace to Israel and her neighbors.

The question now is how to reconcile Israel's legitimate security concerns with the legitimate rights of the Palestinians. And that answer can only come at the negotiating table. Each party must recognize that the outcome must be acceptable to all and that true peace will require compromises by all.

SO, TONIGHT I am calling for a fresh start. This is the moment for all those directly concerned to get involved in — or lend their support to — a workable basis for peace. The Camp David agreement remains the foundation of our policy. Its language provides all parties with the leeway they need for suc-

cessful negotiations.

I call on Israel to make clear that the security for which she yearns can only be achieved through genuine peace, a peace requiring magnanimity, vision and courage.

I call on the Palestinian people to recognize that their own political aspirations are inextricably bound to recognition of Israel's right to a secure future.

And I call on the Arab states to accept the reality of Israel — and the reality that peace and justice are to be gained only through hard, fair, direct negotiation.

In making these calls upon others, I recognize that the United States has a special responsibility. No other nation is in a position to deal with the key parties to the conflict on the basis of trust and reliability.

The time has come for a new realism on the part of all the peoples of the Middle East. The State of Israel is an accomplished fact; it deserves unchallenged legitimacy within the community of nations. But Israel's legitimacy has thus far been recognized by too few countries, and has been denied by every Arab state except Egypt. Israel exists; it has a right to exist in peace behind secure and defensible borders, and it has a right to demand of its neighbors that they recognize those facts.

The war in Lebanon has demonstrated another reality in the region. The departure of the Palestinians from Beirut dramatizes more than ever the homelessness of the Palestinian people. Palestinians feel strongly that their cause is more than a question of refugees. I agree.

The Camp David agreement recognized that fact when it spoke of "the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people and their just requirements." For peace to endure, it must involve all those who have been most deeply affected by the conflict. Only through broader participation in the peace process — most immediately by Jordan and by the Palestinians — will Israel be able to rest confident in the knowledge that its security and integrity will be respected by its neighbors. Only through the process of negotiation can all the nations of the Middle East achieve a secure peace.

THESE THEN are our general goals. What are the specific new American positions, and why are we taking them?

In the Camp David talks thus far, both Israel and Egypt have felt free

to express openly their views as to what the outcome should be. Understandably, their views have differed on many points.

The United States has thus far sought to play the role of mediator; we have avoided public comment on the key issues. We have always recognized — and continue to recognize — that only the voluntary agreement of those parties most directly involved in the conflict can provide an enduring solution. But it has become evident to me that some clearer sense of America's position on the key issues is necessary to encourage wider support for the peace process.

First, as outlined in the Camp David Accords, there must be a period of time during which the Palestinian inhabitants of the West Bank and Gaza will have full autonomy over their own affairs. Due consideration must be given to the principle of self-government by the inhabitants of the territories and to the legitimate security concerns of the parties involved.

The purpose of the five-year period of transition which would begin after free elections for a self-governing Palestinian authority is to prove to the Palestinians that they can run their own affairs, and that such Palestinian autonomy poses no threat to Israel's security.

The United States will not support the use of any additional land for the purpose of settlements during the transition period. Indeed, the immediate adoption of a settlement freeze by Israel, more than any other action, could create the confidence needed for wider participation in these talks. Further settlement activity is in no way necessary for the security of Israel and only diminishes the confidence of the Arabs that a final outcome can be freely and fairly negotiated.

I want to make the American position clearly understood: the purpose of this transition period is the peaceful and orderly transfer of domestic authority from Israel to the Palestinian inhabitants of the West Bank and Gaza. At the same time, such a transfer must not interfere with Israel's security requirements.

BEYOND THE transition period,

as we look to the future of the West Bank and Gaza, it is clear to me that peace cannot be achieved by the formation of an independent Palestinian state in those territories. Nor is it achievable on the basis of Israeli sovereignty or permanent control over the West Bank and Gaza.

So the United States will not support the establishment of an independent Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza, and we will not support annexation or permanent control by Israel.

There is, however, another way to peace. The final status of these lands must, of course, be reached through the give-and-take of negotiations; but it is the firm view of the United States that self-government by the Palestinians of the West Bank and Gaza in association with Jordan offers the best chance for a durable, just and lasting peace.

We base our approach squarely on the principle that the Arab-Israeli conflict should be resolved through negotiations involving an exchange of territory for peace. This exchange is enshrined in United Nations Security Council Resolution 242, which is, in turn, incorporated in all its parts in the Camp David agreements. UN Resolution 242 remains wholly valid as the foundation-stone of America's Middle East peace effort.

It is the United States' position that — in return for peace — the withdrawal provision of Resolution 242 applies to all fronts, including the West Bank and Gaza.

When the border is negotiated between Jordan and Israel, our view on the extent to which Israel should be asked to give up territory will be heavily affected by the extent of true peace and normalization and the security arrangements offered in return.

Finally, we remain convinced that Jerusalem must remain undivided, but its final status should be decided through negotiations.

IN THE COURSE of the negotiations to come, the United States will support positions that seem to us fair and reasonable compromises, and likely to promote a sound agreement. We will also put forward

our own detailed proposals when we believe they can be helpful. And, make no mistake, the United States will oppose any proposal — from any party and at any point in the negotiating process — that threatens the security of Israel. America's commitment to the security of Israel is irrevocable. And I might add, so is mine.

During the past few days, our ambassadors in Israel, Egypt, Jordan, and Saudi Arabia have presented to their host governments the proposals in full detail that I have outlined here tonight.

I am convinced that these proposals can bring justice, bring security, and bring durability to an Arab-Israeli peace.

The United States will stand by these principles with total dedication. They are fully consistent with Israel's security requirements and the aspirations of the Palestinians. We will work hard to broaden participation at the peace table as envisaged by the Camp David Accords. And I fervently hope that the Palestinians and Jordan, with the support of their Arab colleagues, will accept this opportunity.

TRAGIC TURMOIL in the Middle East runs back to the dawn of history. In our modern day, conflict after conflict has taken its brutal toll there. In an age of nuclear challenge and economic interdependence, such conflicts are a threat to all the people of the world, not just the Middle East itself. It is time for us all — in the Middle East and around the world — to call a halt to conflict, hatred and prejudice; it is time for us all to launch a common effort for reconstruction, peace and progress.

It has often been said — and regrettably too often been true — that the story of the search for peace and justice in the Middle East is a tragedy of opportunities missed.

In the aftermath of the settlement in Lebanon we now face an opportunity for a broader peace. This time we must not let it slip from our grasp. We must look beyond the difficulties and obstacles of the present and move with fairness and resolve toward a brighter future. We owe it to ourselves — and to posterity — to do no less. For if we miss this chance to make a fresh start, we may look back on this moment from some later vantage point and realize how much that failure cost us all.

These, then, are the principles upon which American policy towards the Arab-Israeli conflict will be based. I have made a personal commitment to see that they endure, and God willing, that they will come to be seen by all reasonable, compassionate people as fair, achievable, and in the interests of all who wish to live in peace in the Middle East.

Tonight, on the eve of what can be a dawning of new hope for the people of the troubled Middle East — and for all the world's people who dream of a just and peaceful future — I ask you, my fellow Americans, for your support and your prayers in this great undertaking.

Evening of magic

MUSIC/Yohanan Boehm



Noam Sheriff

ing to the general audience, interesting to the musician, and stimulating to the ethnomusicologist.

The instruments, with the exception of guitars and recorder, were manually fashioned and based on original, primitive reeds and stringed bodies, but most exciting was the use made of all sorts of

boxes, tin plates, and other accessories, producing many-shaded dynamics in electrifying rhythmic patterns and combinations.

A most pleasant programme, even for people not versant in South American lore.

"Psalms of Jerusalem" — Kol Desemana Company, Moshe Efrati, choreography, Noam Sheriff, music; "The Six Days and the Seven Gates," by Yitzhak Navon, music by Matti Caspi, with Yitzhak Navon, narrator, the Israel Festival Orchestra, conducted by Matti Caspi (Jerusalem Theatre-September 1).

AS THE accent of this opening programme was on dance and recitation, it was not surprising that the musical harvest was modest. Noam Sheriff used, for his synthesized score, original prayer recitations in Samaritan, Yemenite and Sephardi traditions, mixed with

spare but fitting melodic elements and rhythmic indications as leads for the dancers who react to accent reverberations.

Having heard the tape before, without any visual distraction, I can say that this latest work of Noam Sheriff can well stand on its own for its tense, well maintained atmosphere of mysticism and concentrated mood. A beautiful example of artistic elaboration of prayers for eternal Jerusalem.

On the other hand, Matti Caspi's music to Yitzhak Navon's beautiful narrative on the Seven Gates of the City, inspired by the events of the Six Day War in 1967, never rises above facile illustrative music for a documentary film.

His conducting was stiff and wooden, and the orchestra's performance was obviously correct and sober but bare of any exciting, inspiring or uplifting quality.

Yossi Banai told the story in his inimitable manner and conveyed the content and meaning with love and care, turning this into a memorable event.



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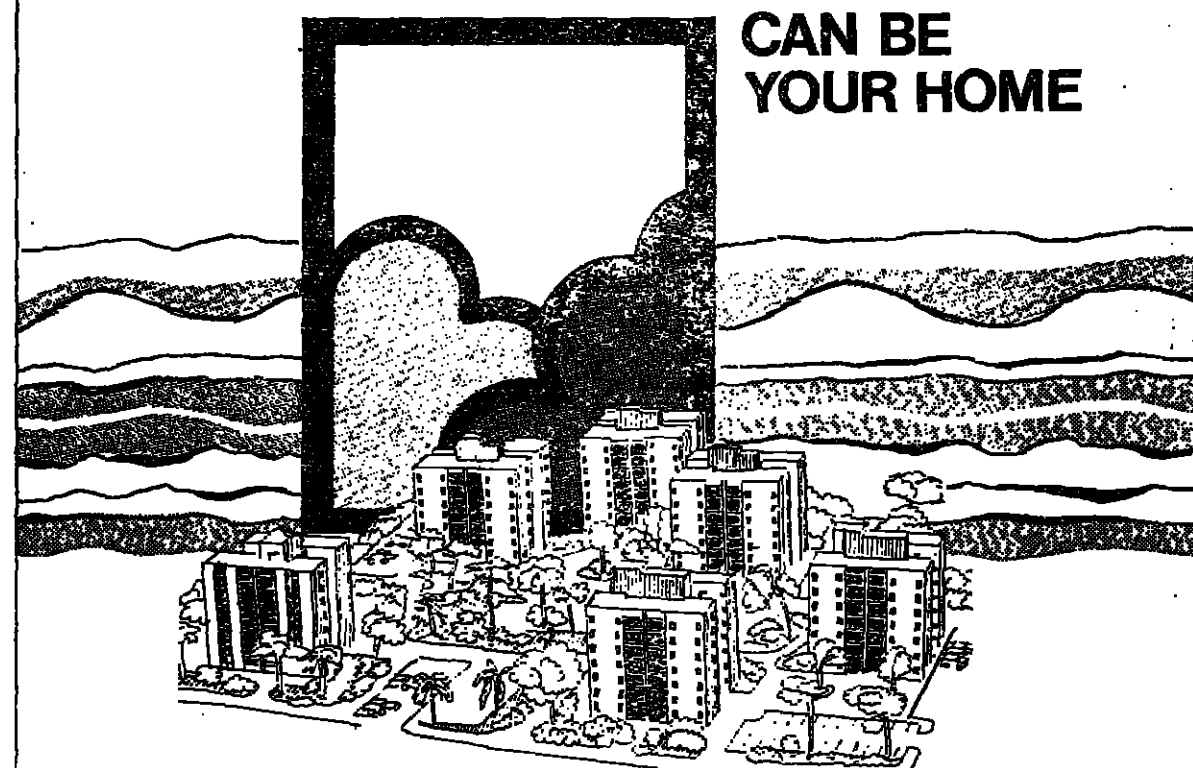
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PUBLIC FACES/Mark Segal

SOME PEOPLE have already termed Ariel Sharon's Wednesday night reception for Caspar Weinberger, the calm before the storm. Others have said that the U.S. defence secretary was being ever-so-careful not to steal any of the thunder from the major Middle East policy statement his boss, President Ronald Reagan, was due to deliver a few hours later.

But all of the 600 guests at the event — who included the Who's Who of Israeli public life, with the sole exception of vacationing Premier Menachem Begin — were impressed with the relaxed and cordial atmosphere, which characterized the affair, at the flag-decked Tel Aviv Hilton.

Weinberger was most cordial, going out of his way to compliment his host. He went so far as to say that Sharon was "much more qualified to be defence minister than I am." After all, he was a general, while I only made it to captain. Continuing in a collegial vein, he said that all defence ministers share similar problems — "One is to get huge budgets approved, to which most of our cabinet colleagues don't always agree."

Weinberger said he was looking forward to visiting Sharon's farm, and to see the rose garden of Mrs. Hilly Sharon. As a Californian, he confessed to being very impressed by Israel's citrus growing, and hoped to gain some "strategic advantage" by learning more about how Israeli oranges are produced.

Sharon and his guest sat together on the Hilton terrace, together with Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, U.S. Ambassador Samuel and Mrs. Sallie Lewis, and Israel Ambassador to Washington Moshe Arens, for most of the evening.

CHIEF OF STAFF Rav-Aluf Rafael (Rafal) Eitan almost certainly won't be spending his time at his Tel Adashim carpentry shop once he completes his tour of duty as Israel's top soldier. Prime Minister Menachem Begin certainly made that clear recently, when he lavished praise on the Co-S during a meeting at the PM's Jerusalem Kirya office. Reminded that Rafal is due to end his fifth year of an extended term in April, Begin spoke of "great national duties" in store for the IDF commander.

But what will those duties be? One version currently making the rounds is that Begin plans to send Rafal to the U.S. as an ambassador-at-large to the immense community of yordim there.

I have been unable to obtain either confirmation or denial of the report that Begin, in his accolade to Rafal, pointedly did not include the name of Ariel Sharon.

SHARON's recent statement that "Maf-Mishne, Eli Geva caused the war to last longer and 'because of him more soldiers fell'" has raised considerable controversy. Shimon's Mordechai Virshupski called it a "dreadful libel," and said that if one officer could really prolong the war, the Defence Ministry certainly was not in control of events. Yossi Sarid, the Labour MK, added that "the blood of the fallen is not on Eli Geva's head, but on that of the man who initiated the war."

Meanwhile, another member of the Geva family has had problems which might well be connected with his brother's request not to take part in the attack on Beirut, for which he was dismissed from the service. On orders from GHQ, or higher, Seren Dan Geva was taken off the front lines in Lebanon and

given a posting "somewhere in Israel." The younger Geva, who is said to have made statements supporting his brother and criticizing Sharon's conduct of the war, is reportedly considering breaking off a heretofore promising career in the Armoured Corps.

ANOTHER near-victim of the Sharon axe is Dr. Yair Ben-Eliezer, a lecturer in communications at Tel Aviv University and a member of the chief education officer's platoon of reservist lecturers. After a stint speaking to soldiers at the front during the first stages of the war, Ben-Eliezer went off to the States to give a summer course in his specialty at New York University. He returned to find that he had been dropped from the list of army lecturers.

Ben-Eliezer, who is David Ben-Gurion's first-born grandson, told me this week that the ban order had come down from the defence minister's office, via the chief-of-staff's bureau and the IDF's manpower branch. The objection, it turned out, was a lecture Ben-Eliezer gave to some soldiers, in which he talked about how TV affects Israeli politicians. He also gave some mini-portraits of our political leaders on the tube, including the following: President Yitzhak Navon — "a marvellous story-teller"; Premier Begin — "first-class theatre"; Deputy Premier David Levy — "sincere and serious"; Sharon — "doesn't come over well because of his high-pitched voice and nervous tic"; Deputy Premier Simha Ehrlich — "doesn't move his lips."

He said that Moshe Dayan and Golda Meir were brilliant on television, but that his grandfather was a flop because "he lacked coherence and would swallow his words."

Another failure on TV, according to the professor, was Minister Without Portfolio Yitzhak Moda'i. Informed that Moda'i's soldier-daughter was in one of his army audiences, Ben-Eliezer turned to her to explain that the remark was not personal, and that in fact he'd heard that the minister was very different in person. Still, the news reached Moda'i's wife, who complained to Sharon.

The story was spread to report, called me at midweek to advise me that the ban order had been cancelled.

KNESSET Speaker Menachem Savidor gave 200 Hadassah leaders a dinner at the House, with Bank Leumi's Ernst Japhet managing to squeeze his introductory remarks into four of his five allotted minutes. This brought Savidor to remark: "If all MKs would speak like my good friend Ernst, I wouldn't be considering resigning from the thankless task of Knesset Speaker." On hearing of this threat, I hurriedly phoned the Knesset public relations officer, Sara Yitzhaki, who reassured me, "It's the Speaker's sense of humour. There's no talk of his resigning." Indeed Savidor and his wife, Raya, are flying this week to Washington as guests of Speaker of the House Thomas (Tip) O'Neill. The trip to Brasilia has been put off, she advised me.

AT MIDNIGHT the rabbi swam. Every TV viewer knows of Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren's agility at the end of a rope, but few are aware of his talents as a midnight swimmer. It appears that during a recent visit to Tiberias with his rabbanit, they dropped into the Plaza Hotel and were suitably accommodated in the Royal Suite. After all the other

guests had retired, well after midnight, the rabbi and the rabbanit surprised the night clerks by asking them to open the gates to the pool, and hotel assistant manager Rafi Weiner decided to meet their request. Weiner this week confirmed that the pool is open twice a week until 10 p.m. Asked whether it wasn't a rather unusual request, Weiner said: "Perhaps, but then what doesn't one do for the Chief Rabbi?"

FRENCH Ambassador Marc Bonnefous and his wife Monique were guests of honour at a farewell party given by French press attaché Florence Proverelle at her Neve-Aviv penthouse and attended by members of the media, as well as academics like Tel Aviv University's Business Management professor Ze'ev Hirsch. Our Foreign Ministry was represented by Gavriel Padon. Bonnefous will become head of the Middle East department at the Quai D'Orsay. His successor,



Defence Minister Ariel Sharon and U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger chat over coffee at the Tel Aviv Hilton on Wednesday. (Ilan Meiri)

Jacques Dupont, who is due here later this month, was deputy chief of the French Foreign Ministry's political department, and before that served in his country's embassies in Moscow and Tunis.

FOREIGN MINISTER Yitzhak Shamir's secretary did not believe her ears when she picked up her phone and heard a famous voice saying: "This is Kirk Douglas. I'd like to speak to the minister." It turned out that the star, making a film here, had an irrepressible impulse to call the minister, whom he knows, to congratulate him on his article in last Friday's *Jerusalem Post*. "It was the most enlightening explanation of Israel's case I've ever read," said Douglas.

A ROSE by any other name. It seems I owe an apology to the minister's wife, whose name is Shulamit and not Shoshana, as printed in last week's column. Mrs. Shamir denies having had any part in the appointment of our cultural attaché in Paris.

The Philip Mann journalism memorial prize was awarded this week to *Ma'ariv* editor Moshe Zak for his articles on U.S.-Israel relations and to *Davar* senior correspondent Teddy Preuss for his series on Israel-German relations. The prize

money — \$10,000 — was shared by the two.

THE LEBANESE baby Eli Masso who made news after the UPI report and picture made him into "Reagan's baby," will benefit from a fund of \$5,000 to be set up by Moshe Sanbar and his friends. Sanbar informed Health Ministry director-general Baruch Modan that they want to help the child and his teenage mother. Never one to be left out of an act, Abie Nathan has also announced — in a cabled message to the White House — that he will collect money to help the baby and even send a mobile home to house the child and his mother.

LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON? This week's edition of *Yoman Hashavua*, the Likud weekly edited by Herut MK Ronnie Milo, features an interview with Lebanon's president-elect. The face of Bashir Jemayel appears on the colour cover, with the following legend: "President Pierre Jemayel — peace with Israel will be signed eventually." We certainly hope that the quotation is more accurate than the caption.



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We have come together to strengthen the ties which bind us to each other, to our ennobling tradition, to our Land, and to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

It is in this spirit that the Movement for M'sorati Judaism in Israel approaches the High Holydays of 5743, and invites you to join us at one of our congregations listed below.

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the need to observe mitzvot out of a conscious desire to fulfill them, rather than because of routine or habit;

a view of Judaism as an evolving, pluralistic religious civilization which has a unique responsibility in forming the character of our state;

an approach to Jewish sources which fully utilizes all branches of human knowledge for their elucidation;

the need to educate ourselves and our children to our responsibilities as Jews to carry forth the traditions so lovingly and courageously transmitted to us by our ancestors;

a resolve to work for the ingathering of our people to our cherished State of Israel.

If you identify with these thoughts and feelings, perhaps your place is with us.

As the year 5742 draws to a close, we wish the entire House of Israel a New Year in which

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Export and import

TORA AND FLORA / Louis I. Rabinowitz

Portion of the Week: Ke Tavo, Deut. 26.1-29.8. Haftarah, Isaiah 60. The verses discussed are Is. 60, 6 and 13.

IT SHOULD NOT be assumed, as is commonly done, that all the flora mentioned in the Bible were grown and produced in Israel. Israel was a land of export as well as import. Already in the Book of Genesis we read of the export of precious fragrant spices by Ishmaelites or Midianites from Gilead to Egypt to whom the brothers of Joseph sold him (Gen. 37, 25-28), and in verse 28 they are specifically referred to as traders or merchants in those conditions.

Among the three spices mentioned is *gall*, balm, and the "balm of Gilead" (Jer. 8.27) has become proverbial, while in the list of the ingredients which made up the holy incense (*Ketoret*) 6 which is included in our daily prayers, Rabban Simeon b. Gamaliel (Tos. Ezra has the reading R. Ishmael) states that "the *gall* is the resin which exudes from the bark of the balsam tree." In the Haftarah for this Sabbath, on the other hand, two floral items are mentioned as having been imported to Israel from foreign lands. The prophet envisages the prosperity which will be Israel's lot in the future. In verse 6 we read, "The caravans of camels shall cover thee, and the young camels of Midian and Ephah shall bring gold and

Levanah (frankincense). *Levanah* was one of the main ingredients of the holy incense enumerated in the above-mentioned passage of the Mishnah, and, in fact, most of the spices mentioned in that chapter, with their various quantities, did not grow in Israel but were imported.

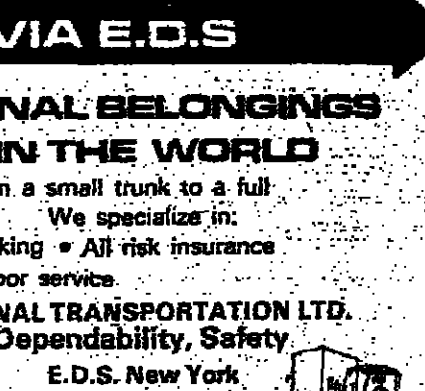
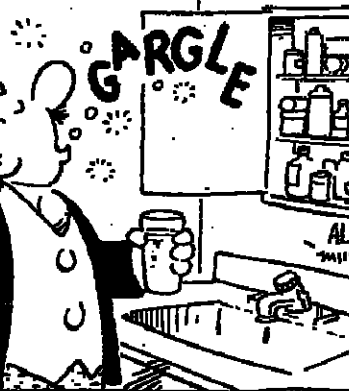
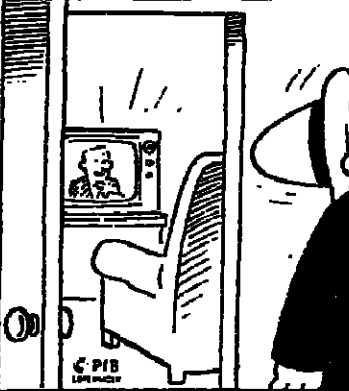
The other import also has its special interest. Verse 13 reads "The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the cypress, the plane tree and the larch together, to beautify the place of thy sanctuary."

It is interesting that the most famous tree of Lebanon, the cedar, is not mentioned there, but when Solomon sent a request to Hiram, king of Tyre, to supply him with cedarwood from his forests for the purpose of building the Temple (1 Kings 5.20), in his positive reply to that request (v. 22) Hiram states, "I will do all thy desire concerning timber of cedar and timber of cypress; the *brash* which is mentioned in our verse, and it can therefore be assumed that both passages give but some of the species of timber, but not all.

It can be assumed also that the beautification referred to was not afforestation but hewn timber for building, and we shall have occasion in a future column to speak of the general paucity of timber in Israel in Biblical times, with the consequent need to import it.

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Sports

Cup tourney sparks off season

TEL AVIV. — The top four National League soccer teams inaugurate the local season tomorrow when they begin their quest for the Yehuda Lillian Cup (named after a late member of the Israel Football Association) in a round-robin competition.

In the first series of matches, champions Hapoel Kfar Sava are entertained by their runners-up Maccabi Netanya at 4 p.m., while Bnei Yehuda host Hapoel Beersheba in the Hativah Quarter at 3.30 p.m.

Manchester enjoy winning ways

LONDON (AP). — Manchester United scored three goals in eleven minutes on Wednesday night to shatter Nottingham Forest 3-0 at Nottingham and go top of English First Division soccer standings. Midfield stars Ray Wilkins and Bryan Robson each scored a goal, Norman Whiteside getting the other.

Manchester City also coupled maximum points beating Stoke 1-0. Ally Brown scored twice as West Bromwich hammered Brighton 5-0, while Sunderland and Notts County drew 1-1.

In the Second Division, England star Kevin Keegan more than proved his worth, when he scored in the second straight game and helped his new team Newcastle United to a 2-1 away win over Blackburn Rovers.

Two seeds drop but Shlomo glides through

NEW YORK (AP). — Upsets knocked out two of the top-ranked players from the men's tournament to provide the highlights of the second day of the U.S. Open tennis tournament at Flushing Meadows.

Fritz Buehning ousted fifth-seeded Vitas Gerulaitis 6-4, 7-6, 6-3 and Kim Warwick of Australia eliminated No. 7 Jose Luis Clerc of Argentina 3-6, 6-4, 1-6, 6-1, 7-6.

Israel's top player Shlomo Glickstein began his quest for honour with a convincing four-set victory over Brazilian Julio Goes. Glickstein, currently ranked 35th in the world against his opponent's 100th placing, recovered from a poor start to crash through the remaining three sets and win 4-6, 6-1, 6-2, 6-1.

Glickstein's second-round opponent is the young American Jimmy Arias who also survived a first set scare to beat his compatriot Leif Shiras 6-7, 6-1, 6-2, 6-2. Jack Leon adds from Tel Aviv. Glickstein goes into the match against Amas today, with some good results under his belt, following a worrying lean spell on the pro-tennis circuit this year.

Last weekend in the \$80,000 Hamlet Challenge Cup Glickstein beat in turn American Vince Van Patten, France's Yannick Noah and Australian Mark Edmondson, in a high-calibre invitation meet. All these three players have higher world rankings than the Israeli champion.

Arias — just 18 — last month rose above Glickstein to 32nd place in the ATP standings, thanks to fine runner-up performances in the Washington Classic and the U.S. Clay Court Championships, both

\$200,000 Grand Prix tournaments. In the former, the 5-foot 8-inch (172.7-centimetre) youngster beat the world's No. 6 racket Jose-Luis Clerc in the semi-finals.

Arias plays all-out aggressive tennis, patterned on his idol Jimmy Connors. "But I use more topspin than Connors. My dad taught me when I was five years old to hit out all the time," Arias told "International Tennis Weekly" recently. If Glickstein can get past Arias, none other than Connors is likely to be the Israeli's third-round opponent. The American ace beat Glickstein three times within 10 days last November, in an unusual sequence of meetings in Stockholm, London and Tel Aviv.

Connors successfully launched a bid for his fourth U.S. Open title when he beat compatriot Jeff Borowiak 7-6, 6-2, 6-3 in storming fashion.

Connors's prospects have soared after beating John McEnroe in the Wimbledon final — the peak of a revival following speculation that his career had reached a point where he was destined to be an also-ran to McEnroe, Bjorn Borg and Ivan Lendl. Connors, who celebrated his 30th birthday yesterday, said: "I was confident even when I wasn't winning. That's probably what separates me from other players. I still feel that no matter how low my valleys are that I have a chance to go out and win."

Other first round winners included life National Hand Pinner, Chris Lewis, Bob Lutz and Brazilian Marcos Jeanner who defeated Steve Krievitz in four sets.

Showing no ill effects of the flu that had sidelined her over the weekend and disregarding a 17-minute rain delay, top-seeded Martina Navratilova trampled Laura Dupont 6-1, 6-1 in a 44 minute opening round match.

Other women's seeds going comfortably through included Tracy Austin (No. 3), Andrea Jaeger (4), Kathy Rinaldi (13), Bettina Bunge (19) and Virginia Ruzic (14).

Mets off their skids

NEW YORK (AP). — Pete Falcone tossed a six-hitter and George Foster homered to help the New York Mets end their 15-game losing streak — the longest in the majors this season — as they beat the Houston Astros 5-1 in Wednesday night's National League baseball.

Foster had a sacrifice fly to go along with his two-run homer, his 13th blast of the season. Falcone, 7-8, lost his shutout in the ninth when Alan Ashby homered with two outs.

Jim Dwyer smacked a solo homer to lead streaking Baltimore to a 5-2 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays. It was the Orioles' 12th win in 13 games.

Bob Horner knocked in two runs and Rick Camp and Gene Garber combined on an eight-hitter that paced the Atlanta Braves to a 4-0 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies.

Ovett's injury keeps him out

LONDON (AP). — Steve Ovett, Britain's 800 metre Olympic champion and world 1,500 metres record holder, has withdrawn from the European Championships and the Commonwealth Games. The 26-year-old runner has had a recurrence of a hamstring injury and feels it will not heal in time for the two top track challenges.

Ovett was due to defend his European 1,500 metres title in Athens next week and had been named for both the 800 and 1,500 metres in England's team for the Commonwealth Games in Brisbane at the end of the month.

He missed the British Games at Crystal Palace last week but the selectors kept him on the team for Athens in the hope that his earlier optimism about his condition would be justified. But Doug Goodman, England's team leader, said "Ovett told me he had no option but to pull out of both competitions because his injury was taking longer to heal than he expected. Steve said he would be taking a month's rest."

lies. It was the 12th win in 14 games for the Braves.

Carney Lansford doubled and homered to give Boston a 7-4 victory over Oakland in a game delayed by rain for one hour and 15 minutes in the sixth inning. San Diego's Juan Eichelberger scattered eight hits as the Padres beat Pittsburgh 4-1. Joe Lefebvre homered for San Diego while Jason Thompson hit his 29th homer of the year for Pittsburgh.

Rookie Kelly Paris scored from second on Ozie Smith's infield hit in the 13th inning to give St. Louis a tight 6-5 victory over Los Angeles.

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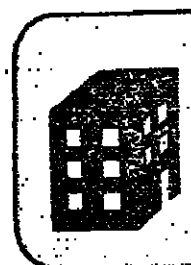
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Moment of truth

FOR ONCE, the claim that American-Israeli relations have reached a "moment of truth" seems wholly appropriate. After a long period of pretending that Israel's national aims, as defined by the Likud government, are perfectly reconcilable with any conceivable U.S. policy, President Reagan, in a televised address Wednesday evening, California time, made it plain that this is not so. A frontal clash between the two countries appears more likely than ever before.

The least cogent argument against the new American peace initiative, more fully set out in Mr. Reagan's letter to Prime Minister Begin earlier this week, is that it robs the U.S. of its former role as mediator, or honest broker, in the Arab-Israeli conflict. Energy Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, who aired this view following the cabinet meeting yesterday, must have been unaware that this is precisely Mr. Reagan's intention: no longer to be content with the role of mediator. It had become evident to him, the president said, that "some clearer sense of America's position on the key issues is necessary to encourage wider support for the peace process."

This explains Mr. Reagan's failure to take Mr. Begin into his confidence about the planned move, even though he did consult King Hussein and King Fahd. For Mr. Reagan's very purpose is to solicit the "wider support" of such reputed Arab moderates as Jordan and Saudi Arabia for the Palestinian autonomy. This he hopes to secure by suggesting, in advance, that "the best chance for a durable, just and lasting peace" lies in "self-government by the Palestinians of the West Bank and Gaza in association with Jordan."

Mr. Reagan could easily have anticipated that any such statement of American preference would raise the hackles of policy-makers in Jerusalem, as it did. The tirelessly repeated contention of Israeli spokesmen is that the final status of the territories must not be prejudged. But in fact Israel has itself officially ruled out in advance any political solution save that of assimilating the territories into Israel. The cabinet, in unanimously rejecting the American plan yesterday as unfit even for discussion, in effect reaffirmed its position that no final arrangement which fails to provide for permanent Israeli control of the territories, in their entirety, is to be considered safe enough.

Egypt, for its part, has not lagged behind Israel in prejudging the issue by its insistence on the right of the Palestinians to a state of their own.

So now it is a three-way debate among Israel, Egypt and the U.S. Yet in this debate Israel plainly has the upper hand, for the simple reason that it has actual dominion over the territories, and that through settlement, which the cabinet yesterday proclaimed a natural Jewish right, it is able to so affect the character of the land as to make the eventual negotiations about final status an empty charade. This, of course, is why Mr. Reagan is now calling for a freeze on settlement.

The president did not do so earlier, which is one reason for Mr. Begin to be scandalized by the new American move. Until now all of Israel's unilateral moves, whether on Jerusalem or on the Golan Heights, have caused the U.S. only to kick and scream, and then rubber-stamp the consequences. This is the first time the U.S., under Mr. Reagan, has asserted an independent posture towards Israel. Paradoxically, the war in Lebanon may have offered a powerful impetus for it: the very destruction of the PLO that may have led to the resuscitation of the Jordanian option, which Mr. Begin has long assumed to be dead and buried.

The question before the country is whether it should be regarded as worth considering, despite its vehement rejection by the cabinet. Some aspects of the U.S. plan are marked by ambiguity, and may call for clarification or correction. Thus it is not good enough to propose, as Mr. Reagan does, that "the extent to which Israel should be asked to give up territory will be heavily affected by the extent of the true peace and normalization and the security arrangements offered in return." Israel is entitled, under Resolution 242, to newly negotiated secure and recognized borders and these need not spell just minor border rectifications.

At the same time there is no doubt that, as Mr. Reagan puts it, "in return for peace, the withdrawal provisions of Resolution 242 apply to all fronts, including the West Bank and Gaza," regardless of the pullback from Sinai.

In the Israeli political arena, it has fallen to the Labour Alignment to uphold those international obligations which the government itself has undertaken. It has also fallen to the Alignment to champion the idea of Israel as a Jewish state in opposition to the binational Eretz Yisrael espoused by the Likud. Thus it is only natural for the Alignment to welcome the American initiative, with reservations, as a working model for an ultimate peace with Jordan.

At the cabinet yesterday Mr. Begin is reported to have blasted as traitors those who might do so. The premier might even be readying to run an early election campaign on a platform of patriotism vs. treason. Such demagoguery might win the Likud some additional votes, but it would do irreparable damage to Israel's democracy, and it would do nothing to avert a major crisis in relations with Israel's most important friend and ally.

Getting the clock ticking

By WOLF BLITZER

AT CAMP DAVID, Prime Minister Menachem Begin recognized that Jordan does indeed have a role to play in determining the future of Judea and Samaria. Those who would deny this should simply go back to read the text of the framework agreement signed on September 17, 1978.

In the section headlined *West Bank and Gaza*, the document specifically referred to Jordan and its proposed responsibilities no fewer than 13 times. "To negotiate the details of a (five-year) transitional agreement," it said, "Jordan will be invited to join the negotiations on the basis of this framework."

To underline the envisaged Jordanian role, the Camp David accord noted that "a strong local police force will be established, which may include Jordanian citizens. In addition, Israeli and Jordanian forces will participate in joint patrols and in the manning of control posts to assure the security of the borders." Since the reference to the joint patrols was in the section dealing with the West Bank and Gaza, it was reasonable to assume that Jordanian soldiers would even be invited to cross the Jordan River once again.

Yet despite this well documented background, Israeli officials were expressing their outrage on Wednesday over a letter to Begin from President Ronald Reagan which recognized a Jordanian connection to the West Bank. Israeli officials charged that this represented a dramatic change in U.S. policy — a clear deviation from the Camp David accords, including even previous American interpretations of the agreement.

THE REAGAN letter also reiterated America's longstanding opposition to the establishment of new Israeli settlements in the territories as well as the expansion of existing ones. Reagan and his spokesmen, since taking office in January 1981, have publicly opposed Israel's settlement policies, while refusing to accept the Carter administration's view that the settlements were "illegal."

Instead, Reagan has preferred to describe such settlements as counterproductive to the peace process. Secretary of State George Shultz, at his first formal news conference on August 20, was asked about Israeli settlements. Shultz replied:

"The president has said to me recently, when a question arose about their legality, the question isn't whether they are legal or illegal. The question is: Are they constructive in the effort to arrange a situation that may, in the end, be a peaceful one and be one in which the people of the region can live in a manner that they prefer? His answer to that is no — expansion of those settlements is not a constructive move. I agree with the president."

A week later, Shultz reiterated that view when asked about settlements during an interview on NBC-TV's *Meet the Press*.

What is true is that Reagan and former secretary of state Alexander Haig did not make a major issue of the settlements during the first 16 months of the Reagan administration. Yes, Haig publicly spoke out against the settlements during his Middle East speech before the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations at the end of May. But when Begin was in Washington a year ago, Israeli settlements were not really discussed in much detail.

That was also the case when Begin returned to Washington in June, during the early weeks of the Lebanon war. At that time, of course, there were more pressing issues.

FOR THAT silence, the Reagan Administration paid a price on Capitol Hill. Several members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, including Democrats Paul Tsongas of Massachusetts, John Glenn of Ohio and Claiborne Pell of Rhode Island, as well as Republicans Charles Percy of Illinois and Charles Mathias of Maryland, later complained that the president had not raised such an important item with the premier. White House and State Department officials insisted that U.S. opposition to the settlements had been conveyed on many other occasions to Israel.

Still, many people argued that Begin has the tendency to misread U.S. silence for U.S. support. Thus, when he told Israeli reporters in Washington shortly after both of his White House sessions with Reagan that the subject of settlements never came up, there was a broad smile on his face. That, of course, is a matter very close to his heart.

Now Reagan has indeed raised the issue bluntly. The letter which Ambassador Samuel Lewis delivered to Begin underlined America's opposition in clear-cut words. After the earlier wishy-washy administration posture on this issue, the letter apparently came as a jolt to Israel.

U.S. officials at the same time can argue that the letter did not represent a change in America's fundamental policy on either of these two gut issues — settlements and Jordanian involvement in deciding the future of the West Bank.

WITH THE immediate crisis in West Beirut resolved, senior administration officials have been insisting that they now planned a major new peace initiative to remove all foreign forces from the rest of Lebanon and to make some headway in resolving the Arab-Israeli conflict. At his White House news conference on August 20, the President pledged to move "quickly in the context of Camp David to resolve the Palestinian issue in all its aspects, as well as the other unresolved problems in the Arab-Israeli conflict." Only when these steps are taken, he said, "can true and lasting peace and security be achieved in the Middle East."

The Israeli reaction to the Reagan letter has been quick and sharp. By moving so dramatically, the government may have wanted to try to preempt any further U.S. statements on the Palestinian question. By charging Washington with deviating from the Camp David language, of course, Israel was putting the Americans on the defensive.

That's probably what Begin had in mind in deciding to interrupt his Nahariya holiday to convene a special cabinet session. Whenever Israel accuses the U.S. of moving away from earlier commitments, the Americans automatically tend to try to reassure Jerusalem by insisting that there has been no change in policy.

In this particular case, that is probably true. Where there does appear to be a change, however, is in the style and tone of U.S. policy. The Reagan administration now appears to be determined to exploit the momentum from the Beirut achievement to broaden the peace agreements. On many recent occa-

the Friday Dry Bones



sions, Reagan has pledged to find "more Egypt" in the Arab world meaning more countries willing to follow Egypt's lead and to make peace with Israel.

ALL THIS does not necessarily mean that Washington and Jerusalem are now on their supposedly inevitable collision course. Such predictions of an all-out confrontation have been heard many times in the past.

Still, as virtually everyone with some insight into the current differences affecting American-Israeli relations has come to realize, there will be painful strains in the weeks and months ahead as the U.S. presses for an agreement on the Palestinian autonomy negotiations — one designed to get the clock ticking for the five-year transition period.

Reagan and Shultz have not abandoned Camp David. But as has been the case from virtually the first day, Washington and Jerusalem have serious differences in interpreting the clauses of the document.

"My own observation is that the language of Camp David is quite worth reading in that regard," Shultz said at that news conference. He pointedly added that there "is a lot of room within the Camp David language" for "different interpretations."

This article was written before President Reagan's Wednesday night broadcast.

READERS' LETTERS

KEEP ON SINGING

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir, — I have just returned from the Jerusalem Plaza where an evening of entertainment was held for Israeli soldiers wounded in war. Some sat without legs, others with bandaged eyes, still more with metal wires attached to their limbs. And they were all singing.

The songs spoke of love of land and of people; of hope for peace and an end to war. Somehow I had the feeling that none of them really believed that this would be the last war, but that didn't stop them from singing with a most unusual amount of emotion.

I wanted to say thank you to each of them. I wanted to hold up a sign telling them how grateful I am for their bravery; for their commitment

to a country that I sometimes take for granted. I wanted to reach out and hug every one of them. But instead I just sat among them and joined in their songs, hoping that somehow my voice communicated my unexpressed feelings.

I began to think about my relatives' words of caution to me before I left New York for Israel a year ago. "We want you back here if a war breaks out," they said earnestly.

Well, a war has broken out, and I've seen first-hand what is at stake; what the sacrifice has meant.

My only response, however, inadequate, is to stay and keep on singing.

FERN ALLEN
Jerusalem

POSTAL MIRACLE

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir, — I have heard nothing but the worst about Israel's postal service, but I would like to report that my experience has been excellent. During a recent visit to Israel, I mailed a postcard to my family and one to my office. By mistake, I mailed the one to my family without an address — just the name. When I got back home, I found that the Israeli postal authorities had somehow managed to link up the two postcards and had attached a note to the unaddressed one.

sending it to my office. On the note they asked the office to send it to my home.

That, it seems to me, is going well beyond the call of duty! My hat's off to the Israeli postal authorities.

GEORGE MEDOVY
Davis, California

POSTSCRIPTS

PS. A LAW that will fundamentally change the approach to the teaching of religion in Italian schools has been

passed in parliament. The law, a compromise between Catholic and secular political forces, will make religion an optional subject, and change the approach from the present teaching of Catholic doctrine to a more objective approach to the study of comparative religions. Until now, pupils who wished to be exempted from studying religion — which meant just the Catholic religion — had to make this request at the beginning of the school year. From now on, pupils will be able simply to choose to include or exclude religion from their school programmes.

PS. WHILE addressing the audience at the 68th Hadasah Convention in Jerusalem, U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis greeted the leaders sitting on the dais, including Hadasah president Frieda Lewis.

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